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THE LATEST NEWS.

Condensed Telegrams from All Quarters.

—Hon. B. F. Dunkin, ex Chief Justice of South Carolina, died at Charleston on Sunday.

—The State of Ohio has brought suit against Hamilton county for sixty-six thousand dollars taxes misappropriated by the county belonging to the State.

—Hon. Dudley T. Gregory, one of the wealthiest citizens of New Jersey, died on Saturday in Jersey City. The deceased was a member of Congress in 1847.

—The Attorney General of Minnesota has commenced a civil suit on behalf of the State in the Second District Court against ex-State Auditor C. McIlrath for the recovery of $84,641.60 alleged by the State to have been wrongfully withheld.

—The locomotive Leonard Case, of the C. C. C. & I. R. R., exploded at Delaware, Ohio, last Friday night while standing at the depot. The fireman, Wm. Hutchins, Jr., son of the engineer, was scalded so badly that he will probably die. Several bystanders were more or less injured.

—On Friday night a fight occurred at the house of John Hafferty, near Reading, Ohio, in which Hafferty was felled with an ax by his brother-in-law, Patrick Cusick. Hafferty's wife placed him in bed and cared for him till he died, claiming that death occurred from natural causes. Both were arrested and are now in jail.

—Philip Roth, a member of the Cincinnati Metropolitan police, recently suspended for drunkenness, made a desperate attempt at suicide on Saturday by shooting himself in the left breast, also under the right ear. It is supposed that his suspension and difficulty in providing for his family, consisting of a wife and seven children, prompted the rash act.

—The Grand Encampment of Knights Templar has decided to prescribe no radical changes in the uniform. The white dress, distinguished by a Caldre plume and gauntlets, now worn by the greatest number of Templars, was confirmed as the regulation, but it was agreed that what is known as the "black" uniform, as worn in Massachusetts and Rhode Island, might still be worn at the option of those having that style of dress in use. The next triennial conclave will meet in Cleveland.

NEW YORK.

Funeral of the Late Mayor Havemeyer.

Protest Against the Proposed Reciprocity Treaty.

NEW YORK, December 5, 1874.

The Pacific Mail Troubles.

The Pacific Mail discussions continue to be the sensation in Wall street, and in interviews with both Rufus Hatch and Russel Sage, which are published to-day, each accuses the other of willful lying, and being concerned in short speculations, and using their official positions to further their speculative plans. In regard to the San Francisco overdraft, Rufus Hatch said to a *Times* reporter, that it amounted, on November 1st, to $87,000, but has since been considerably reduced, and was caused by heavy purchases of coal. To the same reporter a paragraph in the forthcoming statement of the company's affairs was added, showing that the receipts from freights alone for the months of September, October and November of the present year amounted to $675,000, against $53,000 for the same time last year. Messrs. Guion, Alexandre and Talcott, the committee who examined the affairs of the company in September last, publish a card affirming the report then rendered correct in every particular except as to the taxes, which were then reported in dispute, the company admitting their indebtedness to be $45,000, while the courts have since rendered a judgment for $132,000, which has been paid.

Richard Irwin, a former agent of the Pacific Mail Company in San Francisco, has arrived to answer the company's suit against him for $750,000, which he says he expended at the instance of the former management to procure the Government subsidy. Should he tell all he knows in relation to that expenditure, a sensation is promised rivaling the Credit Mobilier.

Protest Against the Proposed Reciprocity Treaty.

A protest against the proposed reciprocity treaty with Canada is about to be issued by the National Wool Growers' Association. The document, which is signed by Hon. Henry S. Randolph, President of the Association, directs attention to the counsel given by General Washington—to avoid political alliance—to the extending of the commercial relations of the country, and states that the treaty admits Canadian vessels to the full enjoyment of American coasting and lake trade, and allows them to be registered as United States ships. It shows that Hon. Malcolm Cameron, of Canada, admits that the treaty will secure the highest price for everything the Canadian farmer sells, and the lowest price for goods he buys. It states that the people of Canada now contribute about $6,000,000 in gold paid for duties. The treaty would surrender this sum, and add to it our overweighted industry and make Canada a thoroughfare for smuggling for all of the world; every branch of industry in Canada would be stimulated at our expense, and concludes: "We insist, with full confidence in the truth of our position, that every real gain that is enumerated as secured to us by the proposed treaty, is either now ours by treaty, or is freely granted as the result of policy by the Canadian authorities, and that there is no necessity of a treaty to cause the Canadians to allow our vessels, in time of peace, to pass from lake to lake through their canals upon payment of the tolls, for without tolls from our vessels, such canals would be of but little value, and that ordinary legislation is entirely adequate to determine, and from time to time change any special relations with the people of the Dominion that may grow out of the fact of the two countries being so intimately connected by reason of their joining each other by a long line of boundary.

Funeral of the Late Mayor Havemeyer.

The residence of the late Mayor of New York, Wm. F. Havemeyer, in West Fourteenth street, was thronged this morning with the sorrowing relatives and friends of the late Mayor. The services at the house were for the relatives only, and were performed by Rev. Dr. Bottome. The hearse bearing the remains, followed by the pall-bearers and the family, and a long train of particular friends, arrived at the church at 11:30 o'clock. The casket containing the remains was carried slowly up the aisle, followed by the pall-bearers and relatives, and placed in front of the reading desk. After the services at the church a procession formed, and marched to the cemetery, where the remains of the late Mayor were deposited.

MISSOURI.

The Grangers and the Transportation Question—Capt. Eads' Plan for the Improvement of the Mouth of the Mississippi River Endorsed.

ST. LOUIS, December 5.—The Executive Committee of the Missouri State Grange, which has been in session here for several days past, adjourned to-day, after the transaction of considerable business appertaining to the Order. They also adopted a series of resolutions approving the efforts now being made by the citizens of St. Louis to open direct trade between the Mississippi valley States and Brazil by a steamship line from New Orleans, and ask the farmers of the valley States to aid in supporting the enterprise; recommend the farmers of Missouri and other valley States to make every effort to induce shipments down the Mississippi river, instead of by rail to the East, and assert that it is the policy and imperative duty of farmers to patronize Western and Southern railroads in preference to feeding Eastern roads and capitalists. They also recommend to the grangers of the valley States to adopt resolutions requesting their Representatives and Senators in Congress to give such support to Captain James B. Eads' jetty plan for the immediate improvement of the mouth of the Mississippi river.

THE INDIAN WAR.

Col. Miles' Expedition.

CHICAGO, December 5.—Lieutenant General Sheridan is, this morning, in receipt of the following dispatch:

CAMP ON THE WASHITA, Texas, December 1.—Miles' encampment is at the head of the Timbers, on the Washita. He has nine companies of infantry here, and another will be up soon from Camp Supply. Major Compton, with four companies of cavalry, is on the Sweetwater, sixteen miles distant. Four companies of the Eighth Cavalry are at Adobe Walls. The troops have suffered somewhat for want of clothing. If forage gets short, Miles will move, about the 10th, across the headwaters [illegible] emptying into the north fork [illegible] expecting there the Light Cavalry [illegible] erected to move fifty [illegible] with to [illegible]

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VENUS.

The Coming Sensation for Star Gazers.

The "Transit" Which Takes Place To-morrow — Some Scientific Facts Concerning it—The General Interest all Over the World—Preparations for Taking Observations.

"On the 8th day of the present month," says Professor S. P. Langley, "at a little before nine in the evening of our time, the planet Venus will be seen entering upon the face of the sun from that side of the earth where it is then day, and to observe the event astronomers will have made their way from all the principal centres of the civilized world. The spectacle in itself offers nothing that is imposing; all that the best telescope can observe will be a black, circular spot moving across the upper part of the solar disc during some four and a half hours. The interest of the occasion lies in the rare opportunity offered for obtaining the sun's distance from the earth. We know already the relative distances of the different planets from the sun. Let us suppose a map of the solar system in which the distance of Venus would be five inches, that of the earth would be seven, Mars over ten. Venus, which is

Our Nearest Neighbor,

would therefore be distant two and a half times our distance from her. But our map has no scale, and we do not know how much an inch on it represents in actual distance. If a man can ascertain the actual number of miles between any two points of a map, he will plainly know what an inch on it stands for, and thus be able to construct the lacking scale; so we, if we can measure the distance between any two primary planets, have got at the same time the means of determining all the dimensions of the solar system. To determine the distance of a remote object, it is required that we should know either its size and the angle it fills to the eye, or else how much the direction in which we see it changes, as we change our own position by a known amount. The line first found by direct measurement with a chain on land is called the base line. The difference of direction, caused by a changed point of view, is called by astronomers parallax. As

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known whether the weather is so favorable there as at Pekin. At the latter place an entirely cloudy day hardly ever occurs in December. The chief of the party in China will be Professor James C. Watson, of the University of Michigan.

A Nice Place to Stay.

In the Southern hemisphere it was intended to establish two stations in the Southern Indian Ocean, one on the Crozet Islands, the other in Kerguelen Land. It is not certain that a party can be landed on the first named group, as there is no good harbor, and the region has the reputation of being one of the stormiest on the globe. Both islands are entirely uninhabited, except by some employes of Williams, Haven & Co., who have a station on the eastern end of Kerguelen, and who have thus been able to give information of great value to the expedition. These islands are all about the most desolate places ever trod by man, being composed almost entirely of volcanic rocks. They are quite destitute of animals, with the exception, perhaps, of sea birds, and the vegetation is of the most meager kind. The parties who are occupying these lonely rocks are in charge of Captain C. W. Raymond, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, and Lieutenant Commander George P. Ryan, United States Navy. Going east, the third southern station is Hobart-Town, Tasmania, which is in charge of Professor William Harkness, of the Naval Observatory, and the fourth will be at Blunt Harbor, or some other point near the southern end of New Zealand, and in charge of Professor C. H. F. Peters, Director of the Hamilton College Observatory. The fifth and last station is on Chatham Island, some three hundred miles east of New Zealand, where the party is in charge of Mr. Edward Smith, of the Coast Survey. This island has no permanent inhabitants, but settlements of natives from New Zealand have occasionally been formed there.

Duties of the Observers.

At each station the scientific corps consists of a chief of party, an assistant astronomer and three photographers. The instruments at all the stations are precisely similar, and the operations and observations will be the same at all. In the mode of photographing adopted by our Commission it is expected that this difficulty will be surmounted by using a telescope of great length—nearly forty feet. So long a telescope would be too unwieldy to point at the sun; it is therefore fixed in a horizontal position, and the rays of the sun are thrown into it by a mirror. The scale of the picture is determined by actually measuring the distance between the object-glass and the photograph plate. Each station is supplied with a special apparatus by which this measurement can be made within the hundredth of an inch. Then, knowing the position of the optical center of the glass, it is easy to calculate exactly how many inches any given angle will subtend on the photograph plate.

What It Is All Worth.

The question may be asked why so much pains should be taken to measure the distance of the sun, and whether it makes any difference to mankind what orbit Venus describes? Scientific investigators never inquire of what use knowledge is; they leave its practical application to others. But a very little consideration will show that astronomy has in a measure a utilitarian side. The point in the void of space the earth has quitted. The difficulty of measuring the sun's distance without stepping beyond the limits of our little earth may be seen from the fact that to an ordinary observer a three-cent piece held 150 yards from the eye would completely cover our globe. If any small object, such as a pencil, be held in front of the eyes, as near as it can be conveniently seen, we may easily note the point on the other side of the room which it appears to cover. Now if we suppose ourselves in possession of tables which give the distance of any object directly its parallax is known, we may substitute the earth for the head, two observers as far apart on it as they can get for the eyes, the sun's face for the wall, and Venus for the pencil, with a better idea of the way in which her coming between us, and the sun will help to find how far off it is. When the parallax of an object is small it is found with difficulty, and implies great distance, and the solar horizontal parallax is immeasurably small, less than an angle of nine, or than that which would be filled by a human hair over five feet from the eye. It was an error of one-thirteenth part of this last—an error less, that is, than

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FROM EUROPE.

Exciting Debate in the French Assembly.

Bismarck Again Indulges in a War of Words.

GERMANY.

Reichstag Proceedings.

BERLIN, December 5.—The Reichstag was to-day engaged in discussion upon the estimates of the Foreign Office. Ultramontane Deputy Windhorst spoke at length. He assailed the Government for suppressing the legation at the Vatican, and declared that such action would not estrange the German Catholics from the Pope.

Bismarck said that upon reading the report of the last debate in the chamber, he discovered that he had expressed conciliatory sentiments, which he must now withdraw, because he did not desire to expose himself to the misrepresentation that the Imperial Government sought peace with Rome upon any terms. Germany recognizes the Pope as the head of the Catholic Church, but required no legation at the Vatican. If negotiations with the Pope are necessary, they can be conducted through the ambassador to Italy. So long as the Pope urges the Catholic clergy to break the laws of the States in which they live, diplomatic relations between himself and Germany were useless. The Vatican desired victory for France in the late war, that could be proved.

In conclusion, Bismarck said he would meet Windhorst in discussion on this subject again in the Prussian Diet.

FRANCE.

National Assembly Proceedings.

PARIS, December 5.—The National Assembly has been engaged in an exciting debate during the past two days on a bill supported by the Clerical Deputies for freeing the University from the control of the State. The principal speakers were Bishop Dupanloup, Legitimist, and Jules Simon, Liberal Republican Deputy for Bouches du Rhone.

Bishop Dupanloup, in the course of his remarks to-day, passionately declared that danger to society was to be apprehended from the friends of those who favored the shooting of the Archbishop of Paris.

This remark occasioned great tumult in the chamber. Upon the restoration of order Chairman Lucien reported upon Bishop Dupanloup in a speech of great bitterness. He said he left such personalities to the judgment of honest men and those who had some regard left for the dignity of the French episcopate.

Upon the conclusion of the discussion the bill passed its second reading by a vote of 353 against 133.

Elections.

PARIS, December 6.—The second ballotings for municipal councilors in those districts of Paris which failed of election last Sunday were held to-day, and resulted in the return of three Moderate Republicans and two Radicals.

RUSSIA.

Renewing the Brussels Conference.

ST. PETERSBURG, December 5.—The Russian Government has sent notes to the various powers inviting them to participate in a conference to be held here to resume discussion of the questions submitted to the conference lately held at Brussels.

LEGISLATURES.

OHIO.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, December 5.—In the Senate this morning bills were introduced to provide for the better collection of special assessments on property, also an amendment to the building and loan association law, so as to limit and restrict these associations from taking more than ten per cent. per annum in the aggregate on sums actually loaned to members, and to limit shares to $100.

In the House bills were introduced to provide for the publication of the annual exhibit of counties, in two newspapers of different politics in each county, and to punish persons playing three-card monte and other confidence games.

ALABAMA.

MONTGOMERY, Ala., December 5.—The State Senate has ousted Miller, Republican, and seated Martin, Democrat. On the organization of the Attorney General's Compromise Legislature in January, 1873, a quorum of the Court Room Republican Representatives was seated in the House. In the Senate the Republicans required one Senator to make a quorum, and commenced a contest for Martin's seat. The matter was referred to a committee, who reported that counting all the votes, Martin, Democrat, was elected by 269 majority, and counting only the legal votes, he was elected by 265 majority. But by the rulings of Lieutenant Governor McKinstry, Miller was seated and Martin ousted without allowing the Senate to vote on the question. The Democrats, fearing that if they did not submit the Republicans would again withdraw, and set up a new Court Room Legislature, and secure Federal recognition, contented themselves with seeing that the journal stated the facts as they occurred, with a formal protest entered at large thereon. It was this seating of Miller which gave Spencer the seat in the United States Senate. After the last election, the Senate holding over, Martin petitioned for his seat. The petition was referred to a committee, which reported the foregoing facts, and recommended that the Senate resume the proceedings at the [illegible] here they had been broken off by [illegible] ruling, and proceed with what [illegible] suspended contest. This [illegible] Martin was declared en-

SECOND EDITION

FROM WASHINGTON.

The President's Forthcoming Message.

Prognostications of Some of Its Contents.

"Resumption of Specie Payments at the Earliest Practicable Day" Recommended.

Report of the Secretary of the Navy.

The District Grand Jury Decided to be Illegally Chosen.

Change in the Cabinet Urged by Border State Politicians.

Desperate Effort by the Democracy to Capture the President.

Special to the Pittsburgh Gazette.

WASHINGTON, December 6, 1874.

Cabinet Changes Urged.

There is strong undercurrent here towards effecting a change in the Cabinet so as to bring it into accordance with the views and principles of the 44th Congress. It must have been noticed that numerous delegations of border State politicians, of dubious political principles, have called on the President two or three times every week of late, and ostentatiously presented solicitations endorsing Postmaster General Jewell and the Secretary of the Treasury, Bristow, and by implication; condemning Secretaries Fish, Robeson, Delano, and Attorney General Williams, in this and various other ways endeavoring to influence the President to make an entire change of the Cabinet, with the exception of Messrs. Jewell and Bristow, whose views seem to be acceptable to the border State politicians and their Democratic backers, that the confirmation of Jewell is seriously endangered unless the President uses his influence to procure it. Probably all the Democratic Senators will vote for the confirmation of Mr. Jewell, while it is absolutely certain that some of the Republican Senators will oppose it.

Leading Democratic politicians do not, of course, publicly endeavor to influence the President in this matter of Cabinet changes, but they are behind the delegations, backing the movements of border State politicians, and are secretly pushing them forward. To what extent the President will be influenced by them remains to be seen. This is no mere newspaper rumor of Cabinet changes, but an actual statement of facts. The Democracy are making a desperate effort to capture the President and endeavor to have him change the Cabinet in accordance with their wishes. They are well enough satisfied with Messrs. Bristow and Jewell, but want changes made in the heads of all the other departments.

WASHINGTON, December 5, 1874.

An Illegal Grand Jury.

The full bench of Judges in this District to-day decided that the late Grand Jury which indicted the alleged safe burglars was illegally chosen, and therefore all its indictments found by that Grand Jury are nullities. The matter came up on the case of Hall, found guilty of stealing a horse and carriage from the Continental Hotel in this city. His counsel appealed, and the case has been decided against the legality of the Grand Jury.

WASHINGTON, December 6, 1874.

The President's Message

is not yet quite complete, owing to delay in receiving the report of the District of Columbia Commissioners, a reference to which will be made in the message to-morrow morning. Although the President has shown the message to no one other than members of his Cabinet, it is believed that the following points will contain substantially the following points, founded on expressions of the President to intimate friends since the message was submitted to and cordially endorsed by the Cabinet on Friday last. The President says although he did not commence the preparation of his message until a week ago or thereabouts, some of the newspapers previously prognosticated its contents, although he had consulted nobody as to what it should contain.

Our Foreign Relations.

There is no doubt the message will state that our relations with all foreign powers are friendly and without disturbance, though there exists a serious difference with Venezuela, which has not yet paid the awards of the joint commission under the convention of 1868. Congress, it will be recollected, strongly expressed its sense on this subject at the last session. The President, in his message of last December, said there was reason to believe that the hesitancy of that republic in recognizing the claims sprung in part at least from a reluctance to indulge in acting directly in connection with its obligations to other Governments, and, therefore, the expediency of further forbearance on the part of our Government was believed to be worthy of the consideration of Congress.

In addition to Venezuela, we have unsettled questions with Spain, growing out of the affair of the Virginius, and other grievous complaints on the part of the Spanish authorities in connection with events in Cuba. The magnitude of the offenses has not been reduced since the last message to Congress, and the fact that As this condition of affairs in Cuba cannot long continue, it may become necessary for other nations with our own to interfere to terminate the insurrection which has so long prevailed, the President recommends having unsuccessfully attempted to suppress it. Meantime the commerce of all countries, and especially that of the United States, suffers, the flags of the United States and England having been insulted.

The President, in conversation, although he does not state the fact in his message, says the United States purchase about one-fourth per cent. of Cuban exports, and therefore the duties paid by American citizens contribute to this extent in helping Spain to continue the war against the insurgents. The President had hoped that by the meeting of Congress to-morrow, the present negotiations with Spain would have been ended, but in this he has been disappointed. He, therefore, says in his message little or nothing as to the present state of pending negotiations, but at a future time will present the subject to the special consideration of Congress.

The Financial Question.

The position of the President on the financial question is positive, as follows: Notwithstanding former speculations of those who spoke without authority, he desires and will recommend the resumption of specie payments at the earliest practicable day, but he does not believe this can be reached as soon as the 1st of January, 1876. He says any day, however, will find Congress to devise means to secure this desired end, it being the duty of Congress to do so. The legal tender clause of the currency act should be repealed, to take effect as to contracts made after a day to be fixed by law for its repeal. Power should be given to the Secretary of the Treasury to obtain gold from and after the date fixed for the resumption of specie payments by the issuance of bonds. In addition to this, the revenues of the Government should be increased sufficiently to meet, with a reasonable surplus, current expenditures, and economy should be practiced in all departments of the Government, and, if necessary, the customs and internal revenue laws changed in order to secure a larger amount of revenue. With the return of specie payments, banking should be free. The bill holders should continue to be protected, as at present, under the banking law. There should be no limitation to the issuing of the currency, as the community itself should determine what amount is required for business transactions, instead of leaving it to the Executive, Secretary of the Treasury and Congress to fix the limit. It would be the duty of Congress, however, to make regulations regarding free banks of issue, and to state the conditions on which they can be organized and transact business, the legislation to be in accordance with the new order of things, or, in other words, the resumption of specie payments. There should be no monopoly by fixing the amount of issue.

The President will recommend that Congress do not interfere with the present currency act passed during the last session, unless to amend it so as to conform with a plan for the resumption of specie payments.

Internal Improvements.

The President will make no recommendation of the subject of internal improvements by the General Government, but will merely refer to the fact that Congress has already appointed a Committee on Transportation Routes to the Seaboard, which has already made its report, and will give further information from more recent investigations.

Affairs in Arkansas.

The President devotes much space to affairs in Arkansas, giving reasons why he declined to interfere in the recent difficulties in that State, and he adverts to facts narrated in his special message to Congress in February, 1873, relative to Louisiana, in which he said he had no specific recommendation to make on the subject, but if there were any practical way of removing these difficulties by legislation, then he earnestly requested that the question might be taken up at that session of Congress.

The Troubles in Louisiana.

He was extremely anxious to avoid any pretence of undue interference in State affairs, and if Congress differed with him as to what ought to be done, he requested its immediate decision to that effect, otherwise he should feel obliged, as far as he could, by the exercise of legitimate authority, to put an end to the unhappy controversy which disturbed the peace and prostrated the business of Louisiana by the recognition and support of that Government which was recognized and upheld by the Courts of the State. It seemed advisable that he should state which course he should feel bound to pursue in reference to the matter in the event of no action being taken by Congress at that time, but subject to any satisfactory arrangements that might be made by the controversy, and which of all things was most desirable; it would be his duty, so far as it might be necessary for him to act, to adhere to the Government heretofore recognized by him. The President again submits this question to Congress, and will continue to act as he has heretofore acted relative to the affairs of Louisiana, unless otherwise controlled by Congress.

The Indian Peace Policy.

The President reiterates his confidence in the Indian peace policy. If adhered to, he says, it will produce additional beneficial results, and ultimately free the frontier of Indian depredations.

Civil Service Reform.

He alludes to Civil Service reform, saying it has been as closely adhered to as the opposition manifested against it permitted. Its results have been beneficial, having elevated the capacity and tone of the appointments of the several departments of the Government, but it would be impossible to continue the reform without the direct support of Congress, sanctioned by the people.

Reports of Heads of Departments.

The President alludes to the reports of the heads of the several departments which accompany the message, and calls attention to their respective recommendations. He again recommends the passage of a law establishing a court for the adjudication of claims of aliens against the Government, a bill for this purpose having been introduced by Judge Lawrence at a previous session of Congress.

Utah Affairs.

The President does not allude to Utah affairs, the subject being left open for future consideration.

Chinese Coolies.

He calls attention to the fact that Chinese immigrants continue to be brought to this country under the condition of slaves accompanied by females of the worst character is such as to demoralize the communities in which they are located. He invites legislation on this subject, saying it will be his pleasure as well as duty to enforce any law on the subject.

Vacant Judgeships.

The President, in further conversation, said he had three vacant District Judgeships to fill, namely, in Alabama, Arkansas and Louisiana. It was probable he might be successful in selecting a suitable appointee for Alabama from that State, but as to the other States, there was more difficulty, and he would, therefore, be forced to appoint persons not now resident in them. As to Arkansas, those best fitted for the place were either in favor of the Garland Government or desired its total overthrow.

The Royal Visitor.

An officer of the army or navy, he said, would be appointed to look after the comfort of the King of the Hawaiian Islands and suite during their sojourn in Washington. They will be located at a Federal Government paying the expenses. The President will entertain the King at a State dinner, in addition to courtesies to be extended to him by the Secretary of State. This will be the first visit of a King to Washington.

Report of the Secretary of the Navy.

The annual report of the Secretary of the Navy has been submitted to the President. It will be found to make a remarkably efficient condition, both as regards the number of vessels, their armament and seagoing qualities. The navy at present consists of 183 vessels, with 1,254 guns. Of ironclad or armored vessels, sixteen are of a class and in a condition for actual and efficient service. Four others of the class of powerful double-turreted monitors are actually on hand undergoing repairs, and a fifth is worth the same attention, but the remainder may be counted as really useless for the purpose of efficient service. Many of the steam navy adapted to cruising is in commission and in actual service. This number of vessels cannot be prudently diminished, but has rather to be maintained, in addition to the navy to supply the places of those which are each year found to be worn out and unfit for further service, and for this purpose a fixed amount of tonnage should be built every year. This amount may be small, but it should be constant and unfailing.

The Secretary recites the facts in the Virginius affair, and refers to the yellow fever epidemic at Pensacola, and the great naval drill off the coast of Florida.

He recommends that if the Icelandic committee, which is now in this country, be authorized to examine several points on the Alaska coast with a view to settlement by their countrymen, shall find at any point on the Pacific coast a satisfactory location, but without pecuniary assistance the Government is competent to extend toward establishing an Icelandic colony there fie promptly offered, as Icelanders would be a valuable and fruitful source of supply to the naval reserve of trained American seamen in time of need.

The Secretary calls attention to the importance of a hydrographic office. He thinks special attention should be given to surveys of the North Pacific ocean, and urges the propriety of increasing and developing the resources of the navy yards.

The appropriations applicable to the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1874, including an unexpended balance of the appropriations for the building of new sloops, and special appropriations to reimburse the bureaus for their extraordinary expenditures during threatened complications with Spain, amounted in the aggregate to $27,147,837, and the actual expenditures for the same period from these appropriations amounted to $20,254,155, or about $900,000 less than the whole amount. The appropriations made available for the current year, commencing July 1, 1874, amount in the aggregate to $19,693,731. Deducting all those appropriations for the current year drawn for five months since July 1st up to December 1st, 1874, is $11,854,446, which, reduced by the amount refunded during that period, and that remaining in the hands of paymasters and agents of the Government, will leave a little less than $9,000,000 as the sum actually expended from current appropriations during the five working summer months of this year.

Weighing Newspapers Under the New Postage Law.

In regard to the question where newspapers and other mail matter shall be weighed for prepayment of postage under the new law on and after January 1st, 1875, it may be stated by authority of the Post-office Department that the general rule requiring the weighing to take place at the postoffice where the matter is mailed will be modified for the convenience of publishers in any locality where it is shown to be desirable that the weighing should be permitted elsewhere than at the postoffice. It is understood that New York newspaper publishers prefer the weighing to be done at the postoffice, while in Chicago and some other cities it is desired to have printed matter received and weighed at the railway depot. Each application for a modification of the rule will be decided on its individual merits.

The Printers' Tournament

took place Saturday, with the following result: There were eight entries in the first class; type, nonpareil; time, three hours. First prize, solid gold composing stick, won by S. N. Benneman, who set 5,070 ems. Second prize, solid silver composing stick, full newspaper size, won by R. A. McLean, who set 4,998 ems. Third prize, Menamin's Encyclopedia of Printing, won by W. W. McCallum, who set 4,720 ems. Second class; time, one hour and thirty minutes—W. W. Malloney was awarded the silver composing stick, newspaper size, having set 2,278 ems; Frank A. McGill, the German silver composing stick, full size, 2,250 ems; H. W. Hartman, Harpel's Typographia, 2,187 ems. Long primer class; time, one hour and thirty minutes—J. R. McBride was awarded the first prize, solid gold composing stick, breast-pin size, having set 2,126 ems; G. J. Hunnicutt, American Encyclopedia of Printing, 2,047 ems; H. C. Turleton, thermometer, 1,988 ems.

WEATHER REPORT.

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GOLD closed in New York Saturday at 111¼.

IT is stated that the next Congress will have five members of the Tenth Alabama Confederate Regiment. What a proof they are of the despotism of the American Government.

THE rumors that the Czar of Russia is insane can hardly be regarded as correct, in view of his appearances in public since those reports were started. He was received by his loyal subjects with great enthusiasm.

KELLOGG is in Washington, and, it is rumored, to ask recognition of Congress. We hope it will not be accorded. If he is honestly elected, the fact ought to be shown; if he is not, let him face the facts in his own State.

PRESIDENT GARRETT, of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, seems determined to keep out of combinations, and depend on the shortness of his line West, to secure advantage in competing for trade. If this course is persevered in, he will be apt to compel low rates, whatever the consequences to the rival companies.

DURELL has resigned, but evidently in bad temper. He dates his resignation from the Astor House, New York, and announces privately that he did it to escape calumny for enforcing an obnoxious law. It is a little surprising that a high-toned gentleman such as he describes himself as being, should have been so vigorous in enforcing a law passed for a merely political purpose. This is not what he was likely to be impeached for doing.

THE *Post* seems rather petulant that we should assume to criticise or commend any of the schemes of its party at Senator-makings. This is unkind. If it will soothe its strangely disordered nerves, we will mention the name of its editor, and claim for him the undivided and continuous support of the Allegheny county delegation, even if it should result in the defeat of our favorite, Senator Wallace. We would like to see Jerry Black elected. He is a grand old hero, a secessionist of the original type, a Democrat of the bluest blood,—and he did not take his pay of the Constitutional Convention. He is a grand old hero, who should go to speech-making with a vim. Send him to the Senate.

THE Democratic banquet in Philadelphia in honor of their recent victory, was an event that called for strong digestive powers and firm heads. Sam. Randall proves to have been the spokesman for his party, and that prophetic gentleman predicted it to however, the old theory of the Democracy, which gave birth to the rebellion, cropped out, in the second toast. The Federal Constitution is declared "a grant of sovereign States, to form a more perfect union of the grantors." But fearing the effect of this, they declared this Union, "made by concession," to be "indissoluble by secession;" a fact exemplified by the late war, but one which the Democracy seemed slow to recognize. We are gratified, all the same, at its recognition.

THE Chamber of Commerce meets this afternoon for organization, and possibly for business, and we hope there will be a large attendance of business men. It is very desirable that this organization should have a good send off. It is the general complaint, that much difficulty is experienced in this city, in getting together a good attendance of business men, for any purpose. We hope the meeting this afternoon will fully put an end to this idea, so far as this particular case is concerned. All else aside, the deepest interest should be felt in the proper organization of this body. Its future depends very largely on this. If the organization is any way defective, it will seriously injure the future prospects of the Chamber of Commerce, a result to be greatly deplored. If a large attendance of our best citizens is had, however, we are confident that all will be well. Remember the place,—Germania bank building, this afternoon.

WE cannot avoid an expression of profound regret that the interview, on Saturday, between the manufacturers and puddlers should have resulted in the closing of the rolling mills. It is a complicated and delicate question that is involved, the full statement of which would occupy considerable space. It does not follow, that because our rolling mills shut down, all our iron establishments stop. On the contrary, very many of them will continue operations; but the boiling or puddling of iron is stopped. The last proposition of the puddlers was that the card rates should be reduced, and they would agree to a reduction equivalent to one-half what was asked. This was refused, for two reasons: First, the manufacturers claim the right to adjust their business, and also, that the reduction offered was only equivalent to one-half the loss the manufacturers must suffer. The other is, that the card rate is designed to control the petty retail trade,—the wholesale buyers receiving at all times a reduction from it. Whatever there may be of right or wrong in it,—and this we do not decide,—the fact remains that the shut down will be a serious affair for those thrown out of work.

FERNANDO WOOD, that soul of ~~spotless~~ honor, whose unspotted integrity of character has been the admiration of the country these many years, is authority for the statement that the Republican party is corrupt to an extent which, once exposed will drive it from all honorable mention. Of course, the work of those unspotted heroes who will control the lower House of the Forty-fourth Congress, will be to expose these terrible corruptions. As the Republican party has always invited criticism, we fancy no one particularly shudders at the terrible exposures that are to come. It is well, however, to know, that the recognized ingenuity of the Democracy is to be directed to this end. As a searcher after corruption, few have been more successful than Democratic politicians, but usually they have developed it from their own nest. Thus far, not a scheme of rascality has been unearthed that has not been well filled with Democratic politicians. So will it be in the future. Investigation, however, with an honest purpose is rather to be commended than otherwise; but if the Democracy wish to have the confidence of the people, a higher aim must inspire them. It is one thing to unearth wrongs, if there be such; but the people expect legislation of the next Congress that shall clearly develop whether it has a policy or not. This demand will lead to a close watch being kept on the doings of that body, and time frittered in mere investigations will not count for much. Strong, positive work will be needed.

CONGRESS.

This body meets at noon to-day, and its operations will be watched by the country with great anxiety. Already there are rumors that time will be frittered away in efforts to avoid the responsibility of doing anything positive. It will assume a fearful load of responsibility, if it pursues this course. What the people want of it is *work*; and this to the end that the embarrassments which rest on the country may be avoided. We fear a long and useless struggle over the monetary question. If the President and Secretary of the Treasury urge the fixing of a time for the resumption of specie payments, congress will undoubtedly be convulsed with that question. It ought to ignore it, at least to a large extent. The theory that there is some is expected to urge is that there is some closely defined relation between gold and the value of commodities. It is not true. Were it, gold being but twelve per cent. more than greenbacks, the price of commercial articles ought to suffer but this amount; whereas, all know that even forced specie payments will depreciate values from twenty to fifty per cent. Already values have depreciated since the panic, and yet there has been but little change in the relative market value of greenbacks and gold. All this very clearly illustrates that it is not a question of specie or greenback payments, but of confidence as between the people. Nor does the character of currency at all affect the steadiness of credit. England, with her system of specie payments, has had panics, and fearful depreciations of commercial values, once every nine years. We fully sympathize with the desire for a metallic currency, but believe that it is far less important than is the prosperity of the people. Were this developed, the other will regulate itself.

The direct aim of Congress should be to secure the revival of American industry; and this depends far less on the character of the currency than on the development of some active enterprise that will start in motion the wheels of industry. There are various methods suggested, but the object ranks above every other consideration at the present. Without reference to the method of doing this, the object should engage the earnest attention of that body. If that body adjourns, and nothing is done that will serve to give relief to the laboring classes, we shall be compelled to meet far more disaffection next year than we did last Fall. In purely political matters, as in all subjects that come up for Congressional action, if Congressmen will forget that they are politicians, and even lose sight of party aims and schemes, and seek merely to legislate with a view to good, they will serve their party and the country better than has been done for several years. What we need is straight-forward, honest, manly legislation.

BISMARCK AND BAVARIA.

It is quite evident that Bismarck is not to have a free and easy time of it in the session of Parliament now being held. Already he has been severely attacked by the Alsace and Lorraine members, and now the Bavarian members assault him at a very tender and sensitive point. A charge of virtual bad faith, and arrogance toward the members of the Federation, is made. The importance of this may be seen when we remember that there is a Federal Committee, composed of representatives of the different States of Germany, to whom all questions of foreign policy are to be submitted. The object of this arrangement is not only to keep them informed as to the foreign policy of the Empire, but also that they may interpose objections to any proposed policy that may be unfavorably regarded. Not to keep faith with this committee is to show bad faith toward the several States mentioned. This is the pith of the charge made against Bismarck, at the last session of the Reichstag, by the Bavarian Deputy. This idea once established, that Bismarck totally disregards the lesser States, and an element of weakness and dissension is at once introduced. That Bavaria has long suspected him is shown by the unfriendly course of King Ludwig. But Bismarck denied the allegation in Parliament, so far as important correspondence is concerned. Of course, he decides what is important correspondence, and the empire to suit himself. Whether this discussion foreshadows a source of possible weakness and danger to the Empire, is an interesting question.

Prussia is undoubtedly the great power in the confederation, and can easily defeat any one State; but were the States to make common cause against her and the Empire there would be a terrific contest, with doubtful results. The fact that Prussia, when yet alone, was able to beat down Austria, and drive her out of the Bund, affords an idea of her power. And the further fact, that while the war with France was in full progress, and the headquarters of the German army was at Versailles, King William could have himself crowned Emperor, and was able to constitute the Empire, further illustrates the commanding influence of Prussia and the King, in the affairs of Germany. At the outbreak of the war with France, however, it will be remembered, one feature of Napoleon's plan was, by swiftly moving his army to interpose it between North and South Germany, his claim being that in that event, one of the parts would unite with France as against Prussia. How much reason Napoleon had for this faith was never divulged; but that there was some reason for it is shown by the fact that the German armies were launched swiftly forward, upon the French frontier, to prevent this very movement. There is also an indication of this, in the fact that there was undoubtedly a secret treaty between France, and Italy and Austria, looking to aid in certain contingencies. This serves to show that France had been busy preparing alliances for the contingency of this very war; and having secured Austria and Italy, probably had an understanding with some of the South German States, as well. But the great success, and masterly and prompt movement of the German army shattered all these arrangements, and left France to bear her woes alone.

We mention these things to show that there has not been, these several years, a perfectly cordial feeling in some parts of Germany toward Prussia. It is probably more a matter of jealousy than else, but even this may be made the source of much trouble. Bavaria was openly unhappy during the French war; and the King Ludwig has several times since shown decided ill-feeling toward Bismarck. Thus there is a possible significance in the outbreak noted that may go far toward causing estrangements and trouble. Were it not for the contest with the Ultramontanes, such contests might be more significant of danger; but there is an element of petulancy in this phase of the struggle that amounts to very little. Yet the address shows tact in not obtruding the real motive, and in turning the criticism on a very sensitive political point, shows that at least the Bavarian delegate knows the weak place in Bismarck's armor. The latter skillfully turned the issue on the Ultramontan phase of feeling, and so got rid of it; but it is evident he will be badly worried during the session.

Tweed's Treatment.

Gov. DIX and the new Mayor, Mr. Vance, have instigated inquiries as to the treatment of Tweed on Blackwell's Island. The former thinks that if current reports of the leniency shown him are true the State is disgraced; the latter tells the commissioners of Charities and Correction that they must remove if they have allowed Tweed any privileges. There is no question that the strict rules of the prison are not enforced in Mr. Tweed's case, and some of them (such as requiring him, or any other man of his size, to sleep in the narrow cells) ought not to be. The published statements of the kindness extended to him have without doubt been greatly exaggerated; nevertheless, the difference in the treatment of Tweed and other convicts is too marked to escape observation. Mr. Vance's sharp note and Mr. Laimbeer's refusal to assume further responsibility for Tweed's safe-keeping indicate that at length the authorities recognize that his treatment creates grave scandal.

IN the Miss Proctor case it is the Tilton side that seems to be fighting for delay. If Mr. Moulton were as ready and eager for trial as the lady he is accused of maligning, the action of his counsel in raising the technical point about Miss Proctor's citizenship would hardly be tolerated.

PERSONAL.

JOHN W. GERDEMANN, ex-priest of the Roman Catholic Church, will soon become a lawyer.

MR. SARTORIS and his wife (formerly Miss Nellie Grant) are expected in Washington next month.

THE emotional Miss Tennie C. Claflin is reported to have become the preponderating moiety of a Mr. John Green.

MISS POLLARD, the Binghamton milliner, reported to have fallen heir to $200,000 through the death of an uncle in California, receives only $30,000 by said uncle's death.

GOVERNOR TILDEN, of New York, has appointed as his private Secretary Mr. Charles Stebbins, of Cazenovia, now one of the commissioners to revise the statutes of the State.

B. C. MITCHELL formerly a prominent member of Rev. Dr. Talmage's church at Brooklyn, but who was expelled at the instigation of the pastor, has sued the lively doctor for slander; damages $5,000.

IT is given out at Washington that Congressman Charles Eldridge, from Wisconsin, who failed of an election to the next House, will be a candidate for the position of Clerk, which is now filled by Mr. McPherson.

KING KALAKAUA and suit left San Francisco for Washington on Saturday morning in a special palace car. He is accompanied by Colonel Wherry, Lieutenant Colonel Hubbard and Lieutenant Whiting, of Benecia.

IT is announced in the Washington *Chronicle* that Daniel Ames obtained a divorce in a Virginia court on Monday last from his wife, Mary Clemmer Ames, the well-known authoress and Washington correspondent.

IT is rumored in Washington that Mr. Justice Swayne, of the United States Supreme Court, contemplates resigning under the law which allows him to do so upon full pay. Justice Swayne is an Ohio man, and was appointed by President Lincoln in 1862.

THE story of the illness and lunacy of the Czar of Russia was a canard. He is well and actively carrying forward the work of improving his country by inaugurating great public works. The German Emperor will probably be the next, Queen Victoria having been the first.

THE Secretary of the Treasury has appointed the following Internal Revenue officers: Wm K. Anderson and D. A. Brooks, gaugers for the Second district of Kentucky; Henry G. Overstreet, Jesse Hill, David S. Barret and James E. Mulligan, storekeepers for the second district of Kentucky.

SENATOR JONES will be married to Miss Sullivan, of San Francisco, the evening before he leaves for Washington, and the public reception contemplated will therefore be delayed until his return. Miss Sullivan attended the Sharon-Newlands wedding, which attracted so much attention in that city recently, and is said to have looked very pretty in a costume of blue with pearl and diamond ornaments.

MRS. STOKES is one of the most showy women on the streets of New York. Her husband is legally dead and the courts have given her a formal release. She does not sit weeping at home, but enjoys life with the merriest. She attracts much attention by her fine taste and showy dress. Her convict husband does not expect a pardon when Tilden becomes Governor, as he was a great friend of Fisk in political life.

MR. LEVI HOPKINS, Superintendent of the Northern Home for Friendless Children for the past eighteen years, died Thursday in that institution in Philadelphia. He was well-known throughout the State in connection with the Home, and was much respected for the fidelity and economy with which he administered its affairs, and for the uniform kindness to the hundreds of children under his charge.

MR. AMES, who bought Booth's theatre, in New York, last week, for $85,000 over and above all amounts of the mortgages held by him, is understood to be a personal friend of Mr. Booth, as well as his largest creditor. As matters now stand, it seems very likely that the theatre will revert into the hands of Edwin Booth—a result that the public will accept with profound satisfaction, since the theatre was his own creation, and no man has so clear a right to it.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

THE shipments of iron ore and pig iron from the Lake Superior iron region has fallen off 260,926 gross tons since last year.

YOU who are fortunate enough to handle $10 bills, beware of counterfeit issues of the First National Bank of Philadelphia.

WASHINGTON dispatches foreshadow an early and favorable action on the House bills for the admission of Colorado and New Mexico.

THE trial of Alexander C. Guss for perjury, is now taking place in a Baltimore court. It will involve a production of all the evidence in the Udderzook murder trial.

MRS. DANIEL LOGAN, wife of a wealthy 250 pounds, was instantly killed Thursday night by accidently rolling out of bed, breaking her neck in the fall.

AMUSING enough is the telegraphic correspondence between President Grant and King Kalakaua, in which each calls the other his "great and good friend." Kalakaua's greatness is too awful for light remark. Let it pass.

TWO MEN, giving their names as Wm. U. Shoope and H. B. Carroll, having in their possession about $2,000 worth of forged tickets, supposed to be a part of those recently stolen from the Pennsylvania Railroad Company's office at Harrisburg, Pa., were arrested in St. Louis on Friday.

THE safe of the Mingo Iron Works at Steubenville was blown open by burglars last Friday night, and $115 in money taken, together with $16,000 in notes. The latter were found on the river bank, Saturday being pay-day, the burglars probably expected to find a large amount of money in the safe.

IT now appears that Fenn, Democrat, and not Bennett, Republican, is elected to Congress in Idaho Territory. Fenn was pledged to urge a division of the Territory, and had a pretty solid vote in North Idaho; while Gov. Bennett, opposed to a division, had the vote of South Idaho. The North outvoted the South, and was the last to be heard from.

THE names of the killed by the explosion of the pneumatic cylinder at the Old Colony railroad bridge, near Fall River, Mass., on Friday, are Chas. Ellwood and Timothy Hale, both of Leavenworth, Kansas, and Jeremian Groux, of Fall River. John Quigley, of Fall River, was fatally injured, and Henry Swift, of Somerset, was seriously injured. The strength of the cylinder at the place of breaking was estimated at eight times the strain to which it was subjected, and the cause of the explosion is a mystery.

FRIDAY last was the twenty-fifth anniversary of the organization of the Interior Department, which is the youngest of the departments of the Government except the Department of Justice. During the quarter of a century of its existence, which has just terminated, all of the original officers and clerks of the department have either died or resigned, or have in some other way vacated their positions, with the single exception of one gentleman who has been connected with the department from the beginning to the present day.

THERE were about ten thousand men out on the longshoremen's strike and now since it is over, fully three-fourths of these have lost their places by it, new hands stepping in and getting them. The result has shown the folly of a strike for wages in the face of the army of unemployed people in New York, who were anxious to get work for whatever pay was offered. The rates now paid are generally 30 cents an hour by day and 40 cents by night. $3 a day for ten hours work is the rate adopted by the Cunard Company, in Jersey City.

THE SPEAKERSHIP.

Fernando's Wood's Idea of the Right Man—A Poker Playing, Whisky Drinking, Salary Grabber Not Objectionable.

The *Tribune* reports the following as containing Fernando Wood's views respecting the Speakership of the next House:

He said that there are few who see the importance of the next Speakership, and it is too great to be made a matter of contest between men. "With the next Speaker," he said, "rests the success or downfall of the Democratic party. With most men, to be Speaker implies that a man must be clear-headed, of dignified deportment, with a ready tongue, and a full knowledge of the rules. But much more will be necessary in the XLIVth Congress. The whole party will be upon him. The appointment of committees will be a most difficult task. But with the next Speaker must also rest the responsibility of directing legislation in the House. He will be the head of the party, and if he is watchful, and able, and bold, he may prevent injudicious legislation, or, at least, the passage of unwise bills. And he may also conduct the party into right paths, and by judgment and tact strengthen it, and lay bare the defects and wrong-doings of the opposition. What is necessary is to find such a man. It should not be a matter of competition; it should in such a case should be broken. "*I do not care,*" he continued, "*what the antecedents of a candidate may be. It is too large a question to base on mere personality; find a man who is equal to the task and put him at it. I don't care whether such a man drinks whisky, plays poker, or pockets his back pay.* If he can take the party through the next Congress and can keep down the opposition by developing all their misdeeds and keep the standard of his own party high, he will have my support most heartily, whether he be from the East, the West, the North, or the South."

VIEWERS' REPORTS.

VIEWERS' REPORT—On the opening of Fairmount avenue, from Penn avenue to Morningside avenue.

To the Select and Common Councils of the city of Pittsburgh:

The undersigned Viewers of Street Improvements in the city of Pittsburgh, appointed by the Court of Quarter Sessions of Allegheny county, and authorized by a Joint Resolution passed on the 29th day of May, A. D. 1874, a copy of which is hereto attached, to appraise the damages sustained in the opening of Fairmount avenue from Penn avenue to Morningside avenue in the city of Pittsburgh, and make an assessment therefor, under the provisions of and in accordance with an act of Assembly entitled "An Act concerning Streets and sewers in the city of Pittsburgh," approved the 6th day of January, A. D. 1864, and the supplements thereto, respectfully report:

That having been first duly sworn and qualified according to law, they proceed in the manner and according to the directions of said act, to discharge the duties of their appointment; and, having given the notices required by said act, and viewed the premises and heard all the allegations and evidence of the several parties claiming damages, and, after full consideration thereof, made a true and conscionable appraisement of the same; that, after ascertaining the whole amount of damages, they made an assessment of the same upon the properties benefited by said improvement, and caused a plot to be made, and prepared a statement as required by said act; and having given to the owner of each lot ten days' notice of the time and place of meeting, they met on the 25th day of November, A. D. 1874, at the office of Board of Viewers, in the city of Pittsburgh, heard all complaints and evidence presented, and, after full consideration thereof, do find that the following named owners of property will sustain damages for which they are entitled to compensation, each for the amount set opposite his name, respectively, viz.:

Viewers' Report—On the opening of Linden street from Boyd street to Chestnut street.

EXPENSES.

Printing ordinances and notices	$15 00
Printing Viewers' report	1 20
Serving notices	2 00
Plan and tracing	25 40
Viewers' time—two days	30 00
	$73 60

BENEFITS.

	Ft.	Price.	
B. A. Negley's estate	25.83	1¼c.	32 29
Alexander Negley's estate	14.53	do	18 16
George Negley	7.54	do	9 42
Frank Ardary	5.33	do	6 66
J. Rowley	5.66		7 07
			$73 60

Respectfully submitted,
ROBERT VANDEVORT,
JAMES CASSIDY,
M. EDWARDS,
Viewers.
Pittsburgh, 27th Nov., 1874.

VIEWERS' REPORT—On the opening of Linden street, from Chestnut street to Boyd street.

To the Select and Common Councils of the city of Pittsburgh:

The undersigned Viewers of Street Improvements in the city of Pittsburgh, appointed by the Court of Quarter Sessions of Allegheny county, and authorized by a Joint Resolution passed on the 29th day of May, A. D. 1874, a copy of which is hereto attached, to appraise the damages sustained in the opening of Linden street from Chestnut street to Boyd street, in the city of Pittsburgh, and make an assessment therefor, under the provisions of and in accordance with an Act of Assembly, entitled "An Act concerning Streets and sewers in the city of Pittsburgh," approved the 6th day of January, A. D. 1864, and the Supplements thereto, respectfully report:

That having been first duly sworn and qualified according to law, they proceed in the manner and according to the directions of said Act, to discharge the duties of their appointment; and, having given the notices required by said act, they viewed the premises and heard all the allegations and evidence of the several parties claiming damages, and, after full consideration thereof, made a true and conscionable appraisement of the same; that, after ascertaining the whole amount of damages, they made an assessment of the same upon the properties benefited by said improvement, and caused a plot to be made, and prepared a statement as required by said act; and having given to the owner of each lot ten days' notice of the time and place of meeting, they met on the 25th day of November, A. D. 1874, at the office of Board of Viewers, in the city of Pittsburgh, heard all complaints and evidence presented, and, after full consideration thereof, do find that the following named owners of property will sustain damages for which they are entitled to compensation, each for the amount set opposite his name, respectively, viz.:

Viewers' Report—On the opening of Fairmount avenue, from Penn avenue to Morningside avenue.

EXPENSES.

Printing ordinances and notices	$15 00
Printing Viewers' Report	2 50
Serving notices	2 00
Plan and tracing	10 43
Viewers' time, two days	30 00
	$59 93

BENEFITS.

	Feet.	Price.	
James Asper	20	5½	$ 1 15
Robert Watson's heirs	100	do	5 75
M. Kealey	20	do	1 15
J. Kenner's heirs	20	do	1 15
Mary Rafter	45	do	2 13
B. Hutchison	102	do	5 86
M. Kernahan	22	do	1 26
W. Friebertshauser	22	do	1 26
J. Goss	22	do	1 26
M. McCullough, Jr.	22	do	1 26
M. McCullough	22	do	1 26
C. Friebertshauser	22	do	1 26
Jane Magee	67	do	3 85
E. & H. Hart	22	do	1 26
Mrs. Donovan	22	do	1 26
T. J. Kenney	22	do	1 26
E. Neeson	22	do	1 26
M. Rochman	22	do	1 26
J. McClaren	44	do	2 53
			$38 80
G. Gamel	22	do	1 26
J. W. Wiley	64	do	3 68
J. Getty	40	do	2 30
W. Duncan	41	do	2 35
G. Durose	61	do	3 50
J. Seibenick	50	do	2 87
D. Reed	50	do	2 87
W. McGarvey	40	do	2 30
			$21 13

Respectfully submitted,
ROBERT VANDETORT,
JAMES CASSIDY,
M. EDWARDS,
Viewers.
Pittsburgh, Nov. 27, 1874.

To the Select and Common Councils of the City of Pittsburgh.

The undersigned Viewers of Street Improvements in the City of Pittsburgh, appointed by the Court of Quarter Sessions of Allegheny county, authorized by ordinance, passed on the 1st day of May, A. D. 1874, a copy of which is hereto attached, to make an assessment of the cost and expense of constructing a Public Sewer on Redoubt alley in said city, upon the property benefited thereby, under the provisions and in accordance with an Act of Assembly entitled "An Act concerning Streets and sewers in the City of Pittsburgh," approved January 6th, 1864, and the several Supplements thereto, respectfully report:

That having been first duly sworn and qualified according to law, they proceeded in the manner and according to the directions of said Act, to discharge the duties of their appointments; that having viewed the premises, they made an assessment of said cost and expense upon the property benefited, and caused a plot and statement to be made, as required by said Act; and having given to the owner of each lot ten days notice of the time and place of meeting they met on the 23d day of Nov., A. D. 1874, at the office of the Board of Viewers in the City of Pittsburgh, heard all the complaints and evidence offered, and having made all modifications and corrections which they deem proper, assessed the cost and expense of constructing said sewer upon the following property; upon each for the amount set opposite the name of the owner thereof, viz.:

Report of Viewers—On Sewer on Redoubt Alley between Second Street and Fourth Avenue.

Whole cost of sewer	$1,510 14
Printing Ordinance & Notice	15 00
Printing Viewers' Report	2 50
Serving Notices	2 08
Viewers time, one day	15 00
	$1,544 92

BENEFITS.

	Feet.	Price.	
D. O'Leary	46	$2 89	132 94
J. & M. Green	40	do	115 60
C. Logan	75	do	216 75
W. A. Nimick	do	do	289 00
Sarah Angles	72	2 77½	199 80
R. & I. Lyon	72	do	199 80
Adeline Phillips	70	do	194 25
John Warden			7 88
Alley.			
J. Cantleberg	20	50c	10 00
John Owens	20	40	8 00
Thomas Davage	20	50	6 00
M. McStein	20	20	4 00
M. Dougherty	20	15	3 00
Martha Fusgus	20	15	3 00
J. Patterson	20	20	4 00
Mrs. Catherine Smith	20	50	6 00
W. W. Patterson	20	40	8 00
Jane Hunter	20	50	10 00
			$1,458 02
Third avenue.			
Elizabeth Patterson	18	50c	9 00
W. Shapfer	18	40	7 20
Martha Patton	18	30	5 40
Annis Geisler	18	20	3 60
Mary Keating	38	15	5 70
M. & J. Green	20	50	10 00
J. P. Sheriff	40	30	12 00
G. W. Jackson's heirs	60	15	9 00
T. Dillon	25	$1 00	25 00
			$86 90

Respectfully submitted,
ROBERT VANDEVORT,
JAMES CASSIDY,
M. EDWARDS,
Viewers.
Pittsburgh, November 24, 1874.

To the Select and Common Councils of the City of Pittsburgh:

The undersigned viewers of street improvements in the city of Pittsburgh, appointed by the Court of Quarter Sessions of Allegheny county, and authorized by an ordinance passed on the 10th day of July, A. D. 1874, a copy of which is hereto attached, to make assessment of the cost and expense of constructing a Public Sewer in the property benefitted thereby, under the provisions of and in accordance with an Act of Assembly entitled "An Act concerning Streets and sewers in the City of Pittsburgh," approved January 6th, 1864, and the several supplements thereto, respectfully report:

That having been first duly sworn and qualified according to law, they proceed in the manner and according to the directions of said Act, to discharge the duties of their appointments; that having viewed the premises, they made an assessment of said cost and expense upon the property benefited, and caused a plot and statement to be made, as required by said Act; and having given to the owner of each lot ten days notice of the time and place of meeting they met on the 23d day of Nov., A. D. 1874, at the office of the Board of Viewers in the City of Pittsburgh, heard all the complaints and evidence offered, and having made all modifications and corrections which they deem proper, assessed the cost and expense of constructing said sewer upon the following property; upon each for the amount set opposite the name of the owner thereof, viz.:

Report of Viewers—On Sewer on Redoubt Alley between Second Street and Fourth Avenue.

Whole cost of sewer	$1,966 39
Printing Ordinances and notices	15 00
Viewers' report	2 50
Serving notices	2 60
Viewers' time, two days	30 00
	$2,016 49

BENEFITS.

	Feet.	Price.	
Adams Getty ex	20	$2.12½	$ 42 50
Mrs. Mary Hagen	20	do	42 50
Mrs. E. Love	20	do	42 50
Thomas Davage	20	do	42 50
A. Miller	20	do	42 50
A. Miller	20	do	42 50
G. W. Irwin	35	do	74 37
A. Bricker	26	do	53 12
C. Shade	45	do	96 62
J. Winderlich	70	do	148 75
Warnick & Co	35	do	74 37
J. Quinn	176	do	37 18
Florence Latimer	176	do	37 18
A. Fulton, Sons & Co	70	do	148 75
A. & W. Nimick	70	do	148 75
J. Reece	356	do	75 43
Seiferth & Weild	70	do	148 75
			$1,307 27
J. Cuthbert	20	197	39 40
Mrs. Banting	30	do	59 10
S. Simon	20	do	39 40
M. C. Bartnitz	60	do	118 20
John Dunlap	80	do	175 33
Julia Vincent	19	do	37 43
H. Brunot	19	do	37 43
H. W. Buffum	19	do	37 43
Atwood & McCafferty	60	do	118 20
G. W. Smith	26	30c	7 80
Mr. E. F. Denny	165	do	49 55
			$719 22

Respectfully submitted.
ROBERT VANDEVORT,
JAMES CASSIDY,
M. EDWARDS,
Viewers.
Pittsburgh, Nov. 24, 1874.

ORDINANCES.

NOTICE.—The following Ordinance relative to Street Improvements are published for information, in accordance with the provision of section 6 of an Act of Assembly, entitled "A further supplement to an act entitled an act concerning Streets and Sewers in the city of Pittsburgh, approved March 20th, 1873:

SECTION 6. That no Ordinance or any improvement and no report of viewers shall be finally acted upon by both branches of Councils until at least one week after its representation and publication in official papers authorized to do the city printing.

And will be presented to Councils for final action at next meeting.

AN ORDINANCE—Authorizing and directing the Board of City Viewers to ascertain the damages caused by the grading of Butler street, from Forty-ninth street to bridge near McMahon's refinery, to assess the same upon the properties benefited thereby.

SECTION 1. Be it ordained and enacted by the City of Pittsburgh, in Select and Common Councils assembled, and it is hereby ordained and enacted by the authority of the same, That the Board of Viewers for street improvements of the city of Pittsburgh shall be and they are hereby authorized and directed to ascertain the amount of damages done by the grading of Butler street from Forty-ninth street to bridge near McMahon's refinery and to assess the same upon the properties benefited by said street grading in accordance with the provisions of an Act of Assembly entitled an Act concerning Streets and sewers in the city of Pittsburgh, approved January 6th, 1864, and the several supplements thereto.

AN ORDINANCE—Authorizing the assessment of damages and benefits caused by the grading of Second street, between Penn avenue and Butler street.

SECTION 2. Be it ordained and enacted by the City of Pittsburgh, in Select and Common Councils assembled, and it is hereby ordained and enacted by the authority of the same, That the Board of Viewers of Street Improvements be and are hereby authorized and directed to ascertain the damage done to the properties abutting upon Forty-second street, between Penn avenue and Butler street by the grading thereof, and to assess the amount thereof upon the properties benefited by said grading, in accordance with an act entitled "An Act concerning Streets and sewers in the City of Pittsburgh," approved January 6th, 1864, and the several supplements thereto.

AN ORDINANCE—Authorizing the assessment of damages and benefits caused by the grading of Street between Penn avenue and Liberty avenue.

SECTION 1. Be it ordained and enacted by the City of Pittsburgh, in Select and Common Councils assembled, and it is hereby ordained and enacted by the authority of the same, that the Board of Viewers of Street Improvements be and are hereby authorized and directed to ascertain the damages sustained by the owners of property abutting upon Main street, between Penn avenue and Liberty avenue, by the grading thereof and to assess the amount thereof upon the properties benefitted by said grading, in accordance with an act entitled "An act concerning street and sewers in the city of Pittsburgh," approved January 6, 1864, and the several supplements thereto.

E. S. MORROW, Clerk.

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DAILY GAZETTE.
FINANCIAL.
Latest Advices Concerning Money and Stock Matters.
OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE,
MONDAY, December 7, 1874.

Saturday was marked by rather more than the usual Saturday activity at the banks, and by much more demand and current business than has been customary for several days past. The effect of the shut-down of our rolling mills on monetary affairs has been quite widely discussed. The immediate effect will probably be a more than usually active run on the banks, but the business attendant upon the closing up once transacted, a vastly diminished business will result. But this shut down being a part of our iron industry only, will not, by any means, paralyze business.

—A special dispatch from Washington says that in view of the discussion of the question of ratifying the proposed reciprocity treaty with Canada, which Secretary Fish endeavored to smuggle through the Senate in the closing hours of the last session of Congress, our commercial intercourse with the New Dominion possesses general interest. In the report of the Bureau of Statistics which has just been published, is a statement of the trade between the United States and Canada during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1874.

According to this report, the imports from Canada into the United States during the year were valued as followed:

Subject to duty	$25,956,312
Free of duty	12,201,692
Total imports	$38,158,004

Of this amount the division, according to the purpose for which the articles were entered, was as follows:

For immediate consumption	$30,031,606
For warehouse	8,125,683
For immediate transportation	715

The means by which the imports reached this country were as follows:

In cars and other land vehicles	$13,562,957
In American vessels	8,275,663
In foreign vessels	16,319,295

The exports to Canada of articles the growth, produce and manufacture of the United States, during the year, were valued as follows:

To Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba, Rupert's Land and the northwest territory	$44,547,826
To Nova Scotia, Cape Breton	
To New Brunswick and Prince Edward's Island	6,848,754
To British Columbia	808,665
To Newfoundland and Labrador	1,634,735
Total domestic exports	$53,929,980

The exports of foreign commodities from the United States were as follows:

To Quebec, Ontario, &c	$3,385,522
To Nova Scotia, &c	796,786
To British Columbia	310,000
To Newfoundland, &c	10,535
Total foreign exports	$4,389,243

One of the most prominent members of the present Congress, who has steadily and earnestly opposed the treaty, expresses the earnestly opposed the treaty, expresses the fear, amounting, as he says, almost to a certainty, that the proposed Reciprocity Treaty, in its present objectionable shape, will be ratified by the Senate at the approaching session.

—Somebody who wants to create debate and distrust among the several parties to what is known as the Saratoga railway compact, in the matter of uniform freight charges, has started an undefined report that the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, a party to that compact, is doing, through its agents in the West, what is popularly known as "cutting under." These reports have been traced from point to point, and found in every instance unfounded and untrue. Besides which, we have the positive assurance of the head of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company that there is no truth in any such statement. That company holds faith firmly.

—Twenty-two hundred national banks have been organized since the establishment of the national banking system, under the act of February 28, 1865. Thirty-five of these banks have failed and 137 have gone into voluntary liquidation by a vote of two-thirds of the shareholders, under section 42 of the act, leaving 2,028 banks in existence on the 1st of November, 1874. During the past year 71 national banks have been organized, with an authorized capital of $6,745,000, three banks have failed, and twenty have gone into voluntary liquidation.

—In spite of the hard times the Philadelphia & Erie Road is making a good show on the earnings side of its ledger for the present year. For September its gross earnings were $336,149.81; expense $207,-882.54, leaving the net earnings $129,347.27. Nor is the month of September an exceptional one so far as an increase of earnings over last year is concerned, the net earnings for the first nine months footing up $672,386.71, against $220,860.30 for the same time in 1873. This is an increase of $451,-527.31 or at the rate of $669,763 for the year.

—The total debt of the city of New York on the 1st instant was $147,778,658, or less sinking fund of $26,733,455, leaving as the real debt of the city $121,045,302.

—The New York weekly bank statement is unfavorable, showing a decrease of five millions in the total reserve.

Luther S. Kaufman, Broker, No. 96 Fourth Avenue, furnishes the following quotations of bonds and stocks from the latest advices by telegraph:

	Opened.	Closed.
Gold	111⅝	111⅝
U. S. 5-20's—1861—coupons	120¼	
5-20's '62	113	
" 1864	114¾	
" 1865	114¾	
" 1865 new	118½	
" 1867	119¾	
" 1868—coupons	119¾	
10-40's	113¾	
10-40's—coupons	114¾	
New York Central	97	96¾
Erie	19½	19¾
C. C. & I.	90	89
St. Paul	80⅝	80⅜
Michigan Southern	88⅜	88⅜
Do. Central	78¾	78¾
North Western Common	46¾	46¾
Do. Pref	66¾	66¾
Rock Island	101¾	101¾
Pacific Mail	41¾	41¾
Western Union Telegraph	82¾	82¾
Ohio & Mississippi	35⅜	35⅜
Union Pacific	31	31
Toledo & Wabash	31¼	26⅝
Merchants Union Express		

Luther S. Kaufman furnishes the following quotations of active stock on the Philadelphia Stock Board to-day:

Penna Central	82⅜
" scrip	84
Reading	129
United Cos. of N. J.	88⅜
Oil Creek	61⅜
Lehigh Valley	48⅜
Central Transportation	52⅜
Empire Dev	91
A. V. R. R. 7-30	74
P. C. & St. L., 7's	

NEW YORK, December 5, 1874.

Money was easier at 3½@4. Foreign exchange was dull and firm, at 481¾@485 and 490@490¼, as the actual rates for prime bankers' sterling. Prime mercantile paper 9@7 per cent., good 6@8, and miscellaneous 9@15 per cent. Gold opened at 111¾, fell off to 111⅝, rallied to 111¾, and closed at 3 P. M. at 111¾. The borrowing rates were flat, 1@2 per cent., and 1-64. To-day's steamers took out $1,950,000 gold coin, the loss of which does not appear in this week's bank statement. The customs receipts were: $237,000, and the Treasury disbursements $690,000. The imports for the week were: Dry goods, $1,176,000, and merchandise, $4,344,000. Government bonds were dull and steady. The Stock Exchange was closed at 12 M., owing to the funeral of Mayor Havemeyer. The market was irregular, but in the main firm. Michigan Central, Pacific Mail, Western Union and Northwest were the strongest stocks on the list, with the chief advance in Michigan Central and Pacific Mail, the latter advancing ¾ per cent., and closing ½ per cent. above the opening price. The weak stocks were Wabash, Lake Shore and Erie. The transactions included 30,000 shares Pacific Mail, 6,500 Western Union, 6,000 Northwest, 12,000 Lake Shore, 3,000 Wabash, 7,000 Union Pacific, and 4,100 Erie.

The bank statement is as follows:

Loans, increase	$3,787,200
Specie, decrease	2,102,100
Legal tenders, decrease	3,080,200
Deposits, decrease	3,135,200
Circulation, increase	128,500
Reserve, decrease	$5,158,500

Governments.—U. S. coupons of 1881, 103½@103¾ of '64, 104@104¼; of '65, 105¼@105¾; do new, 113¾; do of '67, 119¾; do of '68, 119¾; 10-40's, 114; currency 6s, 116.

Stocks.—Quicksilver, 33¾; Adams Express, 113; Wells, Fargo & Co. Express, 82; American Express, 64; United States Express, 64; Pacific Mail, 41¾; New York Central, 101¾; Erie, 27¾; Michigan Central, 89; Lake Shore, 88¾; Illinois Central, 107; New Jersey Central, 106½; St. Paul, 80⅝; do preferred, 92; Ohio & Mississippi, 35½; Lakeshore, 88¾; Panama, 19; Illinois Central, 96½; Union, 35½; Delaware & Lackawanna, 108.

Quotations.—Are incomplete owing to the Board adjourning at noon out of respect for the memory of the late Mayor Havemeyer.

LONDON, December 5—5 P. M.—The rate of discount in open market for three months' bills is the same as the Bank of England rate, 5% per cent., or ⅝ above the Bank's account. 91⅝@92; consols, for money, 91⅝@91¾; account, 91⅝@92; 5-20's of '65, 105¾; do of '67, 109¾; 10-40's, 104¾; new 5's, 107; New York Central, 91; Erie, 24¾; do preferred, 39.

PARIS, December 5.—Rentes 61f 70c.

FRANKFORT, December 5.—5-20's of 1862, 97¾.

COMMERCIAL.

Condition of the Markets at Home and Abroad.

DAILY REPORT OF PITTSBURGH MARKETS.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE,
SATURDAY, Dec. 5, 1874.

The leading merchandise markets continue quiet, and devoid of any new or important characteristics to which reference has not been made. The inquiry for all the leading staples continues light, being restricted to supplying immediate necessities, and the indications are that the hand-to-mouth policy will be closely adhered to during the next month or two, as it usually is at this season of the year, but not to the same extent.

APPLES—Sales, in a jobbing way, at $1.50@3 bbl, according to quality.

APPLE BUTTER—In kegs, 60 to 65c ₱ gallon.

BEANS—Dull; $2@2.25 ₱ bushel.

BITTER—There is a continued good demand for the finer grades, the supply of which is small, and prices are firm; common stock, however, is in good supply and there is but little inquiry for it. Sales of prime to choice roll at 30@32.

BUTTER—The New York dispatch of yesterday reports a firmer feeling there, which, if it continues, will have its effect here, as we are almost in the habit of following their lead in matters of quotations. We have its effect here, as we are almost in the habit of following their lead in matters of quotations. We have no change to note in the market, which, if it continues, will

HOME NEWS.

Railroad Directors.

Messrs. Israel Cohen, Wm. Keyser, H. C. Vickery, Geo. R. Dennis and Mr. Bissell, directors of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, arrived in the city yesterday, and Mr. Hugh Sisson will arrive this morning. A stockholders' meeting is to be held this morning at the Monongahela House.

Horse Stolen.

On Saturday night the stable of Mrs. Kier, who resides in the Eighteenth ward, was entered and a valuable bay horse, halter and cavalry saddle stolen. Another horse in the stable was left untouched. The fellows then went to Harvey Jones' stable and stole a bridle, harness and three blankets. They have not yet been arrested.

Safe Bursted and Store Burned.

A dispatch was received at the Mayor's office yesterday from G. C. Gates, at West Springfield, Pa., stating that on Saturday night a store in that place was broken into, the safe blown open and the establishment afterward burned down. It is not known who committed the act, but suspicion rests upon two men who were seen loitering around in that vicinity, and who cannot now be found. One of them is described as about thirty years of age, with dark whiskers and heavy mustache, and the other as a young man rather heavy set.

Good Templar's Grand Lodge.

On Wednesday an extra session of the Grand Lodge of Good Templars of this State will be held at the G. A. R. hall, No. 101 Fourth avenue. All members of the Order who are in good standing will be admitted as visitors, and the Grand Lodge degree will be conferred on all entitled to it. The Pennsylvania Railroad and branches and the Philadelphia and Erie Railroad and branches, will sell excursion tickets to and from Pittsburgh, good from any point on either line to December 12, at a uniform rate of two cents per mile. Orders for these excursion tickets have been sent to Lodge Deputies.

Appleton's Holiday Announcement.

In another column the well-known publishing firm of Messrs. D. Appleton & Co., New York, make announcement of a few of their books prepared for the holiday trade. From them the reader will get an idea of the rich stock which is now on the shelves at this famous Book Publishing House. Further information can be had by sending to Nos. 549 and 551 Broadway, for an illustrated catalogue of the books gotten up this season for holiday presents, and in making purchases our readers would do well to bear in mind that any volume bearing Appleton's imprint is of the highest order of its kind.

P. R. R. Employes' Wages to be Further Reduced.

It is said the directors of the Pennsylvania Company have decided upon a further reduction of ten per cent. in the wages of their employes, to take effect on the first of January. This reduction, like the one made a year ago, is quite comprehensive and includes not only the brakemen and other such minor employes, but all the high officers of all the roads operated by the Company. If the proposed move is carried into effect, wages will be twenty per cent. less than they were one year ago, and it is said there is a possibility of a strike among the Fort Wayne employes. The Western roads are also preparing for retrenchment in all departments of labor, and the truckmen, whose pay now only rates from $1.10 to $1.25 per day, will have to stand an additional decrease of ten per cent.

THE COAL LOCKOUT.

Cincinnatians Want Ten Cent Coal—A Dispute Finally Arranged Amicably.

Since the last run of coal there has been some dispute between Pittsburgh and Cincinnati dealers. The Cincinnatians wanted the coal but they would not give more than ten cents per bushel. The largest part of the coal had been contracted for at "current market rates," and it was thus a question of some interest to decide just what were market rates. The Pittsburgh dealers rather inclined to the opinion that eleven cents would be about right, while the Cincinnatians contended that they could not give that price—it would pay them better to shut down. The matter was up for consideration at several meetings, and finally the Pittsburghers yielded. All differences were settled on a basis of ten cents for Pittsburgh coal, which is one cent higher than Kanawha coal, and two and a half cents higher than that from Pomeroy. The agreement was perfected on Saturday—all parties signing it—and so the flutter passed.

HIGHWAY ROBBERY.

A Gentleman Assaulted on High Street—Three of His Assailants Arrested.

Yesterday morning about two o'clock as Andrew Smith, who lives at No. 17 Ross street, was passing up High street he was attacked by four men, knocked down and robbed of his pocket-book and $31. He was not much hurt by his assailants and at once reporting the affair to the police, Detectives Fitzsimmons set to work and in William *alias* "Whitey" Little and Mike Murphy, who were taken in custody by Officers Young and Kennedy, and lodged in the Central Police Station. Later in the day Patrolmen Speedy and Carigan arrested Pat. Lally as another of the rascals concerned in the highway robbery. Mr. Smith recognizes all of them as the men who set upon him. A charge will be made taking Lally to the Police Station he broke away from them on Smithfield street and started to run, but a shot from a revolver brought him to time. The fourth robber is yet at liberty, but it is known who he is and the police are after him with good prospects for his capture.

CHURCH WORK.

Ladies Home Missionary Society.

Last evening a reunion meeting of the Ladies Home Missionary Society of the M. E. Churches hereabouts, was held in the Smithfield street M. E. Church. There was a large audience in attendance, notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, and the services proved quite interesting. Addresses were made by B. Rev. F. Brooke, D. D. pastor of Christ Church, Rev. R. T. Miller, of Liberty street, Rev. A. A. Butts, of Smithfield street, and the City Missionary, Rev. M. J. Montgomery. The speakers upon the various phases of the Home Missionary work, and by appointment and practical illustration, urged its importance. The effect of their remarks was attested in a comfortable collection which was taken up in aid of the Society's work. The occasion was rendered the more enjoyable by the music from the choir of the church, which was appropriate and soul-stirring, and full of the true spirit of praise.

The Opera House Last Night.

The mass meeting under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A., at the Opera House, last night, was emphatically a mass meeting in point of attendance, as the house was jammed and hundreds were again turned away. The services were conducted by Major Whittle, Rev. S. A. Taggart and Prof. Bliss. Major Bliss first preached a sermon, and the audience was then dismissed, but devotional exercises continued for about half an hour. The thanks of the Association were tendered to Messrs. Elsler & Gotthold for the use of the Opera House.

The Bible readings and special services in the churches will be continued this week as heretofore.

CRIMINAL COURT CASES.

Trial List for the December Term.

The December term of the Criminal Court opens to-day, and the following persons will be brought before this court for trial, some of them on a number of indictments. The number of cases to be tried reaches one hundred and one. The calendar as furnished by the Warden of the county prison is as follows: James Murray, felonious assault and battery; Robert Fife, false pretense (two charges); Robert Fife, forgery; Philip Murray, murder; Samuel Merriman, felonious assault and battery; Francis Lynch, assault and battery; Geo. S. Knowlton, embezzlement; John White, larceny; George Miller, larceny; Linda Lee, larceny; Jacob Glenn, larceny; Stephen Joice, larceny; Patrick Catley, larceny; Annie Kennets, larceny; Elwin Morris, fornication; Mary Morris, assault and battery; Peter Rentzel, larceny; Benj. Bakintzer, larceny; Louisa Reidout, larceny; James Herron, larceny; Edward Grant, desertion; John Welsh, rape; Henry John Moyer, felonious assault; Wm. Schuler, desertion; Jeremiah McCarty, larceny; Annie Streets, keeping a bawdy-house; A. Breckler, larceny; Thorn Smith, felonious assault and battery; Wm. Laing, larceny; Patrick Lyons, attempt at rape; Patrick Connolly, larceny; John Madden, felonious assault and battery; Charles Johnston, larceny; Thomas R. Sill, bail-piece; Embezzlement; Thomas R. Sill, bail-piece; Thomas R. Sill, embezzlement; Alexander Cobbs, malicious mischief; Alexander Cobbs, assault and battery; Henry Butler, embezzlement; Edward Fitzgibbon, surety of the peace; David Audey, trial; Robert Johnston, highway robbery; Wm. H. Ray, larceny; George Fife, assault and battery; Wm. Fitzgerald, larceny; Robert Dellmer, burglary; James Jackson, larceny; James Holland, larceny; Elizabeth Hartman, larceny (2 charges); Joseph Louftman, bail; Wm. Beauy, larceny; M. L. Gibson, larceny; A. Miller, larceny, Gus Miller, larceny; Charles Bayell, larceny; Charles W. Ayres, assault and battery, with attempt to commit a rape; William Murray, murder; Frederick Myers, murder; David Gannon, larceny by bailee; David Gannon, larceny; August Schmidt, assault and battery; John Matthews, forgery; Edward Griffin, assault and battery; James Meroney, embezzlement; David Hall, larceny; Michael Hawley, larceny; Daniel Irwin, burglary; Mathias Rollingbury, adultery; Mathias Rollingbury, fornication and bastardy; John Wagner, assault and battery; John Gallagher, burglary; John Gallagher, larceny; Mr. D. Costello, false pretense, 3 charges; Mrs. D. Costello, larceny; John McBratney, assault and battery, with attempt at highway robbery; Rich. Nelson, larceny; Jas. Jones, larceny; Chas. Whetenes, larceny; Thos. B. Thompson, robbery; Philip Sullivan, felonious assault and battery; Fred. Berkeman, surety of the peace; Chas. Rubichd, larceny; David Goggins, larceny; John Davis, larceny; Robert Wetlis, larceny; Jas. W. Reynolds, false pretense; David Brow, larceny; Jos. Hill, assault and battery; Abraham Cowan, assault and battery; Alice Ebbert, keeping disorderly bawdy house (two charges); Ed. Carr, murder; Robert Ott, larceny; James Wa ssand, fornication; Sophia McClarren, larceny.

THE IRON WORKERS.

The Puddlers Lock-Out Inaugurated.

Saturday's Conference Between the Iron Manufacturers and Boilers—Their Inability to Arrive at a Satisfactory Conclusion—The Mills to be Closed To-day—Men out of Employment and Money Idle.

The final meeting between the puddlers and iron manufacturers, to arrange if possible the difficulties between them regarding the price to be paid for puddling, was held on Saturday afternoon at the Iron Association rooms on Fourth avenue, but it did not result in an amicable or satisfactory agreement. The thirty days' time which was allowed for the settlement for any controversy that might arise in regard to wages expires to-day, but it was virtually up on Saturday. All present felt the importance of the meeting, for it was well known that unless something definite was done all the puddling furnaces would be compelled to shut down. A conference was also held on Friday afternoon but it bore no fruit. The ultimatum submitted by the manufacturers, was in brief, as follows: "On a scale of three to five cents per pound for iron, a reduction of one dollar per ton, and to follow the price down to two and a half cents, card rates, at the same rate of reduction as in the scale. This at two and a half cents would make boiling $4 50 per ton. Agreeing that when the price of iron advances to over three cents, say three and three-tenths per pound for iron, the scale to be operative and the price of boiling shall be $6 10 per ton." The manufacturers made no demand that the arrangement should be a permanent one, but asked only that it be kept in force until the present stringency in the market and the times has relaxed, probably no longer than until the first of March, after which, if the price of iron should go above three cents, the old card rates would be resumed.

THE PROPOSITION REJECTED.

The above proposition was rejected by the puddlers, and at the Friday afternoon session they submitted one of their own, which was to the effect that they were willing to drop fifty cents instead of one dollar. This was to be done by continuing the card on down to two and half cents. The manufacturers refused, claiming that it was the understanding when the card was established that when iron went below three cents it was to be readjusted, and the same if it went above five cents.

SATURDAY'S SESSION.

At the convening of the meeting on Saturday the condition of affairs was as represented above. Twenty two iron manufacturing firms were represented as follows: F. D. Wood & Co., Rogers & Burchfield, Graff, Bennett & Co., Jones & Laughlin, Spang, Chalfant & Co., Lewis, Bailey, Dalzell & Co., J. Painter & Son, Phillips, Sellers & Co., Byers, McCullough & Co., Lewis, Oliver & Phillips, Glass, Neely & Co., Zug & Co., Reese, Graff & Woods, Shoenberger & Co., Carnegie, Kloman & Co., Limbsay & McCutcheon, Person, Macrum & Co., Chess, Smythe & Co., Pittsburgh Forge and Iron Co., and Pittsburgh Bolt Co. Among the puddlers also at the meeting were David Harris, Wm. Henry, R. H. Jones, Joseph Bishop, A. C. Corbley, R. L. Jones, John C. Thomas, E. H. MacErish, Wm. Weigh, W. Harrington, Jonathan Davis, T. J. Wallace, Lewis Good, Daniel Towe and Mr. Ryan.

READY FOR BUSINESS.

Mr. Lewis, of Lewis, Bailey, Dalzell & Co., took the chair and said that the conference of the sub-committees on Friday evening had been adjourned without having arrived at any conclusion. The puddlers made a proposition to continue the present scale down to two and a half cents, but it was rejected. They separated to meet again on the following day, and were ready for such business as might be brought before them. Mr. Lewis also stated that the sub-committee of iron men had made the first proposition and adhered to it, and that it was the best they had to submit.

Mr. Henry (puddler)—Then there is nothing here to discuss at all. I think you gentlemen ought to take our proposition under consideration. We think it an honorable and straightforward one.

Mr. Bennett—All we have to say is that your proposition was fully considered in committee and not accepted. It is virtually no proposition at all, as the same thing has been proposed in nearly all the long ago.

Mr. Harris—If it was ever presented before last night it was without authority. We have consented to allow the card to run down to two and one-half cents, which will reduce the puddlers wages fifty cents on the ton. We have nothing to say in preparing the scale. You make that to suit yourselves, and we have to abide by it. We only cling to the scale because of the connection produced by having something permanent to stand by and form a basis of action between us and the manufacturers. We are willing to follow it on down, and stand a reduction of fifty cents, but a dollar is too much. If there is a strike, the consequences will be upon your heads, not ours.

WHAT THE UNDERSTANDING WAS.

Mr. Bennett repeated that the understanding was that when iron fell to or below three cents the scale was to be re-adjusted. If it is impossible, he said, for manufacturers to go on at the present rates. They have kept the card up to three cents because they could not go below it, for then there would be no card, to the benefit of which the puddlers have had.

Mr. Henry referred to the time when iron went above five cents. The puddlers were getting eight dollars per ton and a pro rata advance. When iron was five and two-tenths, then they got eight dollars and twenty cents per ton. The manufacturers did not ask for a re-adjustment then. Why do they insist on it now? He favored letting the present scale run as low as two and a half.

WOULD BE SORRY TO SEPARATE.

Jacob Reese said that a car load of iron could not be sold in the city for more than $40, and that under these circumstances it was unfair to ask the manufacturers to pay three-cent rates. The proposition to make the readjustment apply to the present hard times and to return again to the scale when times bright could be accepted. He referred to the great number of innocent persons who must suffer if this strike went on, and explained that they did not want to reduce the card, but keep it up, even if they had to sell cheaper. He said: If we put the card down to two and a half cents, then we would have to sell at two. I tell you plainly we cannot do it. Then, I have been thousands of dollars worth of iron sold at a sacrifice to raise money to pay the hands when there was no other way to get it, and now I think it is to your interest as much as to ours to help keep the card up and keep our mills in until spring. I think when Congress opens business will brighten up so much that we can return to our old rates again. We have worked together for a long time, and I would be sorry to see us separate at such a dark time.

Mr. Bishop—We are well aware that when iron went up to five cents you let us go up at the same time. You didn't ask for a new deal then. Why do you do it now? We want you to drop at the same rate. We believe our proposition will bridge over the chasm. Another objection against the forty cents toward breaking the old compact. Don't you propose to knock off a dollar from the card, and thus reduce the card to two-and-a-half? Then why say that you oppose the reduction of the card while at the same time you profess to oppose a reduction?

MAINTAINING THE DIGNITY OF LABOR.

Mr. Harris read an extract from a letter published in the New York *Tribune* detailing the want and suffering occasioned by the strike at Scranton, and asked if the manufacturers here wished to bring about the same order of things in Pittsburgh. At Scranton and Danville the *less* puddlers at work are being paid $3.50, a sum which Mr. Harris characterized as a mere pittance. He said that the organization was for the purpose of maintaining the dignity of labor and God helping them they would do it.

Mr. Reese replied that it was not the wish of the manufacturers to bring the puddlers down to the wages paid in Scranton. They offer to leave the card at three cents provided the puddlers will drop one dollar, which will leave them better wages than other mills are paying now. If it was not done, the speaker said, he could not run his mill and would look for some other business that will enable him to realize something from his investment and which will yield him a little money.

NO DESIRE TO FIGHT.

Mr. Bennett said it looked very much to him as though Mr. Harris was trying to bring about the condition of affairs which he so much deprecates, and reduce the wages of puddlers in Pittsburgh to the same sum as paid at Scranton. The books of the firm he represented showed that they sold iron at three cents, puddling was only three dollars and a half. In point of magnanimity they felt they were doing all that could be expected. Not every forty puddlers in a mill were thousands of others dependent. Coal miners and laboring men will be thrown out of employment. The manufacturers want to fight with the puddlers work for the winter if they can, but will allow them to do so. Mr. Bennett said that a number of the manufacturers present had been puddlers and could sympathize with the others. They did not wish to fight the Union but the puddlers could compel them to do so.

Mr. Harris—In the majority of the places coal and iron are paying the same rates. *have been paid here.* At one place in New York they pay six and a quarter, at another five and a half. But say you have made nothing. That is the same old story. You have done a smashing business. Laughing. A voice—You are right there; it has been a smashing business, and there is likely to be some more smashing before it is done.] When trade is good we call it good business, smashing good business. Show me a year that has smashed up during the last fifteen months. Don't tell us you have made nothing, and that you are making nothing. We have eyes and can see for ourselves, and you cannot make the men believe that you are making nothing. We can see about as far through a brick wall as you can.

SPECIALTIES.

Mr. Bennett answered that the instances cited by Mr. Harris are small places where specialties are run and the difference in work makes their wages less than here.

Mr. Harris—Is Philadelphia a small place?

Mr. Bennett—All the mills in Philadelphia have stopped, with one exception. Two of the other mills have given notice that they will abandon the old scale. The Troy mills are all standing. As to the "smashing" business, I know that I am assignee for one broken firm, and there are two others present who hold the same unpleasant position while another is to be appointed on Tuesday. It is not the proper way to come here and make buncombe speeches for the purpose of exciting bad feelings.

A Troy puddler who was present at the meeting said he would rather work six tons there than five here, and would sooner work on the railroad than accept the terms offered here.

Mr. Oliver then wanted to know why so many Troy men were here when the work is so much easier at other places than Pittsburgh. He wanted to run and wished to pay good wages, and hoped the spring would open up brightly. They were willing to show their books to any disinterested persons to prove that the statements made are correct.

Mr. McLane asked if the puddlers dropped to five dollars if the manufacturers would reduce the card to selling price.

Mr. Oliver replied that they would not, because they want to keep the price up. The card cannot possibly go below two and a half according to the proposition made.

THE NEW YORK IRON KINGS.

The Troy puddler mentioned above referred to James Harden & Sons, the iron kings of New York State, and said they were paying mere for puddling than is paid here, and yet keep their works going, which he claimed was proof that the East was not going to shut down.

By way of a rejoinder Mr. Oliver read a letter from James Burden & Sons to Shoenberger & Co., of this city, in which they stated that they proposed to pay their men four dollars and half, but that Mr. Harris, the president of the puddlers' union, had counseled them not to accept it, and they believed that he had promised them aid from Pittsburgh.

Mr. Harris denied this charge in toto, stating that he had no authority to offer any such counsel. All he had to do was to obey the instructions as given by the men. Other puddlers made statements to the effect that Mr. Harris was their executive officer and did their bidding only. He was here as their spokesman, not as a counsellor. The men at Burden's refused to sign the contract, consequently the men went out.

ADJOURNMENT.

The puddlers allege the manufacturers have a National Association which fixes the price of iron, but Mr. Bennett stated that he failed to see the connection of the Bar-iron Association and that it had nothing at all to do with establishing rates for Pittsburgh, also that the mills here are entirely independent of mills at any other place.

It being evident that no conclusion could be arrived at which would be satisfactory to both sides the conference adjourned *sine die*, after which the puddlers went to their headquarters on Fifth avenue and held a secret meeting, concerning which nothing could be learned.

THE RESULT.

The watchman at the various mills it is said have been instructed by the manufacturers to let the fires in the furnaces go out as there will be no work to-day, unless the terms offered the puddlers are accepted. It is there will be the mills have on hand sufficient "muck-bar" to keep their stock supplied for six months to come, and that the services of the puddlers will not be required until this "muck-bar" is exhausted. It is alleged on behalf of the manufacturers that the orders they have on hand do not amount to much; that they do not expect additional orders soon; that one days' work in a week will supply the demand; that a number of the mills would like to stopped whether a lock-out took place or not, and are glad of this opportunity to shut down with the rest; that the American Iron Works will not light up this week and none of the others who have not finished orders on hand. A well-known manufacturer estimates that it costs $150,000 a day to run the mills in this city and vicinity. The expenses of the American Iron Works alone are about to be $20,000 per day. This large sum of money instead of being kept in circulation will, by the strike, lie dormant and useless.

THROWN OUT OF WORK.

It is conjectured that the strike will throw out of employment fifteen thousand men, including puddlers, laborers and miners of coal and ore.

It has been asserted by the puddlers that their treasury contains $100,000, to be used in just such an emergency as the present one, but on this point they are silent. It is the members of the Puddlers Union have been assessed one dollar a week each to support the strikers at Troy, and that their treasury contains very little. However, on this score, the puddlers are likely to know best.

THE PAY OF PUDDLERS.

According to the card now in force, a puddler gets six dollars per ton, and makes five heats per day, equal to one and one-eighth ton, making him six dollars and seventy-five cents per day. Out of this he pays a helper two dollars and a quarter, leaving him net four dollars and a half. As proposed by the manufacturers he will get three dollars and seventy-seven cents, and his helper one dollar and eighty-five cents.

SHUT DOWN AT ZUG'S MILL.

On Saturday evening Zug's mill, in the Ninth ward, shut down, and three hundred men were discharged. This was done reflected with the manners of the mill's management that in the present condition of the market they are not disposed to run at a loss. It costs $25,000 a year in interest, insurance, &c., to have this mill standing idle.

NOT AN ABSOLUTE SHUT DOWN.

It is stated that from this above that the iron mills will stop absolutely and completely. It is only the puddling departments that will succumb to the strike, while the rolls, &c., will still be kept in operation, although it was stated last night that even the fires of the puddling furnaces in some of the mills would not be drawn, which means that work will be continued at old rates.

THE SLIGO PUDDLERS.

On Saturday morning the puddlers at the Sligo iron mill called in a body at the office and said they were ready to go to work as soon as a proper "muck-bar" for puddling metal was provided, and were informed that they were discharged with the understanding that they returned at eleven o'clock for their pay. The puddlers deny the statement that they took advantage of Mr. McDonald's absence and suspended work. The objectionable metal, about which the difficulty occurred, they allege, has been furnished them for a long time past, that one "turn of" of working were worked nearly to death; they actually had scarcely time to go home, "fill their dinner buckets and return." Mr. Ross was the puddlers' boss, and he had received frequent complaints from the puddlers about it, and when a committee waited upon him his reply was that "if the men didn't like the metal they knew what they could do." McDonald's presence was not necessary, as Mr. Ross had all to do with it. They state that they are not on a "strike," and that they are willing to go to work, asking only for fair play. The Sligo mill, it is said, has enough "muck-bar" on hand to run it for a month yet.

STRIKE OF COAL MINERS.

The coal miners in the employ of Messrs. Lewis, Bailey, Dalzell & Co., of the Vesuvius Furnace, in Pike township, struck on a strike since Monday last, and the mines of the firm at Hite's Station, on the West Penn railroad, have been idle since that time. The supply of coal necessary to run the extensive works of the firm is being secured in the city. Mr. Hite, speaking of the effect that the iron lock-out would have on the coal business, said that "some of the iron mills use about 1,000 tons of coal than a small town would for domestic purposes. The Clinton mill, for instance, uses from 3,500 to 5,000 bushels a day. Take 4,000 as an average, and we have a 160,000 bushels of black diamonds used by our furnaces daily."

THE MURDERED ITALIANS.

The Philadelphia Consul Writes for Information—The Italian Minister at Washington Demanding an Investigation.

On Saturday afternoon Mayor Blackmore received a letter from Alonzo M. Viti, Italian Vice Consul at Philadelphia, requesting information concerning the recent trouble at Armstrong's coal works, between the Italians and the striking miners. Subsequent to the July flood, Mr. Viti passed through Pittsburgh, and calling upon the Mayor, expressed his sorrow at the suffering and death caused by the flood. Having thus formed an acquaintance with our Chief Executive, he probably thought a letter to him would bring more information than he could obtain through any other source. Mr. Viti states in his letter that upon the commencement of the troubles at Buena Vista he telegraphed to Governor Hartranft to know what could be done for the protection of his countrymen. He received a response to the effect that the Sheriff of Westmoreland county would be instructed to take such measures as would be sufficient for the safety and protection of all parties interested. Hearing of the fight that occurred one week ago yesterday, Mr. Viti telegraphed to the Sheriff of Westmoreland county for information, but received no reply, for which he is unable to assign a satisfactory reason. He therefore requests Mayor Blackmore to acquaint him with the circumstances connected with the affair, in order that he may fully understand the case. The Mayor will furnish him with all the details possible.

It is not probable that the murder of the Italian miners will be allowed to go unnoticed and the men who committed the deed remain unwhipped of justice. The Italian Minister at Washington City has taken the affair in hand, we are informed, and will demand a full investigation.

Unexcelled.

Six octave Smith American Organs, 8 stops. List price $365 for $135
Five octave Smith American Organs, 6 stops, sub-bass. List $210 for $115
Five octave Smith American Organ, 7 stops, couplers and sub-bass. List $255 for $135
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A New Biscuit for the Holidays,

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WARLIKE ARRAY.

Mustering to Arms at Montrose.

Marshaling the Forces of the P. R. R.—Men and Munitions of War to Oppose the Pipe Line—Pickets on Duty and the Countersign Demanded.

From the movements of the officers of the Pennsylania railroad company it would seem that they anticipate further trouble from the Conduit Company, possibly the relaying of the pipe which was torn up last week, and have made arrangements to forcibly prevent such an event by having at Power's Run almost a regiment of men, and nearly all of them said to be armed. On Thursday night last a special train containing two hundred armed men left Altoona and disembarked the militia at Power's Run. On Saturday night, or rather early yesterday morning, a second train arrived at Power's Run, bringing another detachment of four hundred men from Altoona and Blairsville. They are all encamped at the place which has been the fruitful source of so much litigation, and are fully prepared to resist with munitions of war, the laying of the artery through which it is proposed to force to Pittsburgh the product of the oil regions. The following dispatch from Montrose, received in the city yesterday, will enable our readers to form an adequate idea of the situation.

SUNDAY, December 6, 1874.

The Pennsylvania railroad have put up six small forts made of cross ties and containing port holes. They have also muskets in freight cars on a side track, and pickets through the woods along the line of the railroad, demanding the countersign from all who pass by. Eight cars and two hundred men arrived this morning. The old crew is still on hand.

Now the above looks like business, although it does at the same time were an aspect that can hardly be considered strictly legal. But there seems to be no prospect of trouble notwithstanding the railroad company appear to anticipate it. Yesterday evening shortly after five o'clock a car containing stoves and provisions left the West Penn depot, in Allegheny, for Power's Run, and the train carried with it the men forced to proceed to keep the military force on hand for some time. It is said that the car also contained arms and ammunition, but on that point the writer cannot speak positively. A gentleman jumped on the car for the purpose of going to Montrose with it and seeing what was up, but he was obliged to get off again, being informed that the orders were to allow no one on the train except the crew.

Our reporter was informed last night by one who knows that the Conduit Company have no men at Power's Run, and that it is not, nor was it their intention to send any. They are willing, it is said, to abide by the decision of the Court, and wait for the good time that is surely coming.

OUR RAILROAD CONTRACT.

Its Advantages to the City—Bad Precedent of Annulling it—Legal Contest Sure to Ensue—Let Well Enough Alone.

The readiness with which the GAZETTE has spoken, and the plainness of language employed, when the Railroads have trenched upon the rights of the city or people, ought to give special potency to what it may say, as against any interference with a contract entered into with the city. The pith of the situation in this Pittsburg railroad street for the Railroad for one square, it proposes in return by widening Seventh avenue and Cherry alley to actually return to the city more land than it receives from it, build the viaducts and bridges, remove the elevator, lower and remove tracks,—in all expend some $2,000,000, chiefly for the benefit of the city, and the safety and life. This seems like a one-sided bargain, when all considered, but it is not here done by the railroad, *must* be done by the city, at its own expense, if the railroad is prevented from doing it. The advantage the railroad derives from the concessions made by the city, by the proposed approach to the city, and larger conveniences for handling its traffic,—a benefit that will be shared by our citizens who use the Pennsylvania road for traveling purposes.

What, then, should be annulled, if so favorable to the city? The technical answer is "the improvements were not made at the time agreed upon." The real reason for the annulling of the contract on the part of the city is unfavorably affected by the proposed improvement, and seeks to prevent its being made. It fought the original contract, and seizes the first opportunity to attempt to undo what was done in the face of its protest. In all this, we cannot avoid thinking it acts ungenerously. Washington street will not be wholly closed, as the bridge that will be built will permit foot passengers to pass to the wharf as now,—while loaded vehicles find it different to do so at the present. This is the only disadvantage, while the several improvements will be of great and lasting advantage other parts of the city. No improvements could be made at all if the idea of annulling contracts for inconvenience. The principle on which all improvements are advocated and made is, that the benefits to the many overbalance the inconvenience and loss to the few. No venture that fifty persons will be largely convenienced and benefitted by the improvements being made by the Pennsylvania railroad, where one will, in any way be injured.

The idea that the company is not acting in good faith has already been fully and clearly answered. The outlay of $60,000 in the identical breaking of the contract, and the actual contracting for $500,000 more, proves to a demonstration that good faith has been shown. If there were any mystery in the delay that has occurred, there would be some reason in the statement that good faith had not been observed, but all know that the panic prostrated all branches of business, crippled railroads and caused the very delay in complying with the contract between the Pennsylvania railroad and the city. Knowing this we submit whether it is entirely honorable to charge bad faith where known and sufficient cause for delay has occurred, because the city ever so dealt with her other contractors? Even where the advantages were against her, has she seized upon mere technical points to annul a contract? If not, is it honorable or wise to do it when the advantages are all in her favor?

That particular Councilmen should oppose the completing of the contract is not strange, for they represent manufacturers who are interested in Washington street, and in the properties abutting on that portion of Grant street to be vacated. Very naturally, they are opposed to the contract, and were in the beginning. The people have never fully rebuked nor even criticised for the course they pursue. Their constituencies, and interests impel them to it. But the mass of Councilmen are not of this class, and when they see simply a question whether the interests of the few shall dominate those of the many. We undertake to say that of all the projects that have been up before Councils for improvement, they will give safety to life, we have had none to equal this. It costs the city nothing in actual outlay. There are no jobs in it, no rings, no schemes of money-making. It is one of those few cases where the whole city, our mills idle, our industries generally paralyzed, and 15,000 persons unable to find work, we would suppose Councils would be glad to have this enterprise go forward. Certainly it cannot be the purpose to deliberately paralyze every possible industry of our city.

The legal aspect of this affair we have not hitherto touched upon. It is to be borne in mind that this arrangement is not in the form of an ordinance *permitting* the railroad company to do the work, on certain terms,—*it is a contract*, signed, sealed and delivered. As showing the view taken by an opponent of the ordinance as to the legal effect of its passage, we quote the words of Mr. Fulton, who is still a member, and who no doubt, will express precisely similar views, should the repealing ordinance pass the Select branch, and come before the other body for concurrence: "Mr. Fulton urged great caution in the consideration of the ordinance, as it was *an agreement which could not be reconsidered unless by mutual consent of all parties interested.*" The gentleman who spoke these words voted against the ordinance; but we venture to say that he will discountenance any attempt now to repeal it in the manner proposed.

Now what are the reasons given for the proposed breaking of the contract? Simply, that the railroad company has not acted in good faith. The company has not assented to this; and if the ordinance pending is passed, it can, of course, appeal to the Courts to hold the city to its part of the contract? What then? The city must show lack of good faith in the company; and to do this, the only possible point it has is that the contract is not completed On the other hand, the company can show an expenditure of $60,000; contracts to the amount of half a million more, as evidences of good faith. Does any one believe for a moment that such a case as that of the city would stand?

There is but one honorable course in this matter. We appreciate and honor the activity of those few members of Councils who are so earnest to represent their constituents in their opposition to the completion of the contract, but their special situation affords no good reason for their being followed. Deliberately, after full discussion, the city entered into this contract. The people have intervened to prevent the prompt completion of the work, but the railroad is thoroughly in earnest in prosecuting it. If good sense, honor, or justice is observed in this matter, it will be allowed to go peaceably forward to complete what has been so well begun.

THE COURTS.

SATURDAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

United States District Court.

(Before Judge McCandless.)

In the bankruptcy cases of the Warren Savings Bank and the First National Bank of Warren, creditors, against J. K. Palmer & Co., debtors, of Warren county, an argument was had on the rules in the petitioning creditors to show cause why the account of John Hill & Co., should not be added to the list of creditors filed by the debtors, and on the rules on the said creditors to show cause why the proceeding in bankruptcy should not be dismissed, the requisite number of creditors not having joined. John Barton appearing for, and Hon. R. Brown against the rules, after which the said rules were discharged.

James Watson, bankrupt, Indiana county. The Register's report on the account of Hon. Silas M. Clark, assignee, and exception filed thereto, presented and filed subject to exceptions within ten days.

Peter Campbell, bankrupt, Westmoreland county. The report of Register Marchand on the petition of Siebert & Berg, petitioning creditors, for an order on the assignee to refund the amount advanced to commence these proceedings and for an allowance for compensation for their solicitors, presented and filed subject to exceptions within ten days.

James McGovern vs. the steamboat "Tom Rees," in admiralty. The hearing in the exceptions filed to the report of the Commissioner on the distribution of the fund in the Registry of the Court fixed for the 12th inst.

U. S. Circuit Court.

[Before Judge McKennan.]

No business of importance was transacted in this Court to-day. A number of cases were set for argument, but on account of the absence of the counsel, the Court adjourned until to-day.

District Court.

(Before Judges Ewing, Kirkpatrick and Wilson.)

In the case of Huckenstein vs. Scott, a verdict was returned for the plaintiff for $381.23.

Plaintiff continued the case of Lippold vs. W. W. Smith. This was an action to recover for alleged malicious prosecution. Under a misapprehension of facts Mr. Smith's name appeared as defendant.

Another action of trespass was filed by D. R. Speer, against Joseph Boyd et al., praying for the appointment of a guardian *ad litem*, for the minor defendants and their estates; and also asking for the division of certain lands in Indiana township, in accordance with the petition, N. W. Shafer, Esq., was appointed guardian *ad litem*.

Trial List for To-day.

City of Allegheny vs. Wilson.
Dickey vs. Kinnan.
Helper vs. Bowersmith.
Smith vs. Irwin.
Stevenson's Sons & Co. vs. Gibson.
Kober et al. vs. Sloan.
Voglon vs. Chess & Growden.
Buckrell & Co. vs. Murray et al.
Sassar vs. Kiser.
Thompson Bros. vs. Curry & Austin.
Barke vs. Allinder.
Mellon Bros. vs. Chess & Growden.

Common Pleas Court.

(Before Judge Collier.)

James Wilson Dykes vs. Helen Dykes; libel in divorce. Subpœna awarded.

In the matter of the application of the African M. E. Church, of Pittsburgh, to prove lost deed, Subpœna ordered to be issued to parties interested, and publication ordered for three weeks.

In the matter of the assignment of T. K. McKnight & Bro. to R. A. Balph, the report of assignee and commissioner confirmed *nisi*.

In the matter of the petition of the United States District Attorney for the appraisement of a site for Government buildings, Wm. Armstrong was granted leave to withdraw the appeal and exceptions filed by him.

In the matter of the petition of the school directors of the Oakland sub-district for appointment of a committee to audit the accounts of the district, J. Glass, Charles E. Speer and Henry Freyvogle, were appointed auditors.

In the case of Andrew Grubs vs. Frederick McGee and John Good, the Court appointed as attest, John Mitchiel, Esq., to survey the lines and land in dispute, and to make report thereon at the next term.

The East Liberty and Penn township Plank Road Company, for use of John F. McCombs vs. Christ. Bellenstein. Rule on the defendant to show cause why appeal should not be quashed—reason, judgment confessed by defendant personally before a justice.

Luella Horst vs. Frederick Horst, libel in divorce. Rule granted on defendant to show cause why he should not pay the above case and counsel fees.

A jury will determine the value of the property in the matter of Darlington's appeal from the appraisement of the Government site to-day.

Trial List for To-day.

Phillips vs. Gray & Frank.
Schaiven vs. Hughes et al.
Boatmen's Fire and Marine Insurance Company vs. Brennen et al.
Gwinner, for use, vs. City of Allegheny.
Fawcett et al. vs. Bonner.
Blakemore & Co. vs. Hartupee & Co.
Stewart & Co. vs. Porter et al.
Muller vs. Nation Trust Company.
Rennzell vs. Klappell.
Ecker & Sons vs. Jones' administrator (two.)
Crawford vs. Wallace et al.
Foley Bros. vs. Howley.
Gray & Bell vs. Carnahan et al.
Koerner & Co. vs. Gordon.

Criminal Court.

(Before Judge Sterrett.)

Gottlieb Dramble, for selling liquor to minors, was fined $125 and costs.

Antony Brlagel, on two indictments for selling liquor to minors, was fined $100 and costs on each, and on a third, for selling on Sunday, $100 and costs, making $300 in all.

Peter Meinert was fined $100 and costs on each of two indictments for selling to minors, making $200 in all.

Albert Lenhart, of the Fourteenth ward, was fined $150 and costs for selling without license, to which charge he pleaded *nolo